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Earthquake Could Cost \$30 Billion

By Calvin Sims

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New York Times Service LOS ANGELES - Officials assessing the

devastation caused by the earthquake in the second-largest city of the United States warned that there would be no easy or quick fixes for the damaged highways, water mains and aqueducts, and gas and electric lines. [Governor Pete Wilson on Wednesday put.

the damage at as much as \$30 billion to rebuild the collapsed roads and highways, restore water and power, and repair or replace houses. The Associated Press reported.

In a letter to President Clinton, Mr. Wilson said the destruction from the quake early Monday morning would range from \$15 billion to \$30 billion. If the \$30 billion figure changes on how they commute." Mr. Peña liou to \$30 billion. If the \$30 billion figure changes on how they commute. "Mr. Peña changes on how they commute." Mr. Peña changes on how they commute to be able to move

the hurricane designated Andrew, which hit Florida in 1992, as the most expensive natural disaster in American history.]

Transportation Secretary Federico F.

Pere in You Angeles to interest the deserter.

Pena in Los Angeles to inspect the devasta-tion, suggested that it was so extensive that it

Frantic commuters jammed the Los Angeles public transport system. Page 3.

might permanently change the way Angelenos, known for their love of automobiles,

"I've been warning people that the rebuild-

around on the highways as they have in the

Parts of six major freeways, including Interstate 10, the Santa Monica Freeway, the world's busiest highway, were closed after sections either collapsed or crumbled in the

Rebuilding the highways is expected to take anywhere from a year to 18 months, the officials said. Engineers will reinforce collapsed sections to try to make them strong enough to withstand earthquakes of even greater magnitude than the 6.6 on the Richter scale that was measured Monday.

Russel Synder, a spokesman for the California Transportation Department, said the first job would be removing dangerous debris

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Butros Chali Opposes Bosnia Air Strikes

By David B. Ottaway

GENEVA - The United Nations secretary general, Buiros Buiros Ghali, formally told the general, Butros Butros Ghah, formally fold the Security Council on Wednesday that be was opposed to the use of NATO air power against Bosnian Serb forces to open the airport at Tuzla in northern Bosnia to expanded relief operations or to evacuate Canadian iroops bottled up in the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica

He warned that there were not enough United Nations peacekeepers on the ground to carry through an effective military operation in the

aftermath of NATO air attacks.

At its summit meeting in Brussels last week,
NATO reaffirmed its readiness to carry out air strikes and called upon the United Nations Protection Force to draw up "urgently" plans

and the opening of Tuzla airport.

But at a meeting here Monday, Mr. Butros Ghali was strongly advised by his special representative to the former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, that the use of NATO air power would endanger the humanitarian relief operation, according to UN sources here.

This was precisely the same conclusion reached by Mr. Buttos Ghali on several previous occasions when the use of NATO force had been contemplated within the badly divided both Adlance Transport Commission and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the

UN Security Council. Doubts had remained about the credibility of the NATO threat. Without referring to the NATO powers by name, Mr. Butros Ghali, in a

to ensure the rotation of the Canadian troops and the opening of Tuzla airport.

letter Tuesday to the Security Council, pointed out that the air strikes would not be feasible willing to provide the necessary troops for a forceful peacekeeping operation on the ground. France and Britain are the major contributors of troops to the UN force in Bosnia. The Clinton administration has ruled out sending American troops to the peacekeeping force.

Mr. Butros Ghali's decision was announced as the latest round of Bosnian peace talks broke as the latest round of boshian peace talks broke up here Wednesday amid predictions that their failure would provoke heavy fighting in the months ahead and greatly increase the likelihood that many countries will soon pull out of the 26,000-member UN Protection Force sta-

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Stalemate On Reform Worsens **Ruble Panic**

Russians and West Await the Outcome of Fierce Power Struggle

> By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Negotiations over the shape of a new Russian government continued in secret Wednesday night, accelerating confusion and panie over the value of the ruble, which plunged another 6.8 percent in record trading to reach a new low of 1.607 to the dollar,

In a brief report Wednesday evening, the Interfax news agency said that Finance Minis-ter Boris G. Fyodorov, who has come in symbolize the future of economic reform, was reappointed in a partial agreement reached between President Boris N. Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin.

But the report left the key question of whether Mr. Fyodorov was named a deputy prime minister unanswered and an aide said Mr.
Fyodorov himself remained unsure about the
validity of the report, which seemed designed to

Russia strengthens controls on export earnings to prevent capital flight. Page 13.

quiet panie over the future of Russia's reforms. Ordinary Russians waited in long lines on a bitterly cold day to try to turn their increasingly fragile rubles into dollars. The ruble's value has fallen nearly 30 percent so far this month. The drop is even more extreme in private exchange booths, where dollars, when they were available at all, were for sale for up to 1.950 rubles.

In most Western countries, a run on the currency is met by strong intervention by a central bank, both to buy currency and especially to raise interest rates.

Here, the central bank chairman. Viktor V. Gerashchenko, has long resisted the idea of interest rates higher than the rate of inflation, and his position itself is an important issue in the government stalemate.

All the central bank has done so far is to spend up to \$1 billion of its \$4.5 billion in hard-currency reserves to keep the ruble from col-

lapsing even faster.

Following the resignation on Senday of the architect of Russia's economic reforms, Yegor T. Gaidar, Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Chernomyrdin have been negotiating over the shape of a government that was supposed to be announced on Monday.

Their main difficulty is the fate of the 35year-old finance minister, Mr. Fyodorov, who has become personalized in the West as an important symbol of economic reform in Rus-

He bas been using, as best he can, the expectations of the West and its fiduciary agent, the International Monetary Fund, that economic reform will continue and even deepen, as Mr. Yeltsin promised President Bill Clinton at their summit meeting last week.

American officials have played down Mr. Gaidar's resignation as an inevitable result of his perceived rebulf at the polls on Dec. 12, even though his party won the largest number of seats in the lower house, or State Duma. But the American policy so far of "resolute chirpiness," as a Western diplomat described it, is

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North Koreans Buy 40 Old Soviet Subs

In a Mysterious Deal, Russia Says Attack Vessels Are for Scrap Metal

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO — In a mysterious three-nation military transaction. North Korea has quietly begun purchasing 40 attack submarines from Russia's Pacific Fleet, according to Japanese. South Korean and American officials tracking the movements of the craft through the North

The multimillion dollar purchase, arranged through a small Japanese trading company, has prompted concern from officials throughout the region that the North could be enhancing its naval power at a time of increasing tension on the Korean Peninsula, But Russian officials, in response to urgent inquiries about the transaction by South Korea's Foreign Ministry, insisted that the submarines were older models that were being sold to the government of President

Kim Il Sung for scrap metal.

Finding the explanation unconvincing, the United States has pressed the Russian Embassy in Washington for more details. But whatever the true intent of the North Koreans, the deal provides a window into the difficulties of enforcing economic sanctions against North Korea for its nuclear program, as the the United States has threatened, when private firms are trading with the North's buge military force.
Japanese officials said Wednesday that they did not have any legal means to block the transac-

On Wednesday, the president of the Japanese on weonesday, the president of the Japanese company acting as intermediary in the deal. Toen Trading Company, said the submarines were being towed intact from Russian naval bases in Vladivostok to the nearby North Korean part of Naiia, a grain payal base on the Sea an port of Najin, a major naval base on the Sea of Japan.

Everything is left as it is on board the submarines, the executive, Ariyoshi Shibata, a Japanese citizen of Korean descent, said.

"Nothing is rentoved," be said.

But he said his North Korean partners,
whom he declined to identify, had no intention of adding the submarines to the North Korean fleet, and were already cutting them up for

scrap.

"The reality is that we are uncertain what is bappening to the submarines after they reach North Korea." a Japanese intelligence official said. "Perhaps it is an unusual way to obtain

scrap metal. map metal."

Most of the submarines being shipped to
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ds of questionable seaworthiness. Most of them are Foxtrot submarines, which can fire up to 21 torpedoes or be used to lay mines. But in recent years they have been steadily withdrawn from service in the Russian fleet. But even if they could not be resinted to service, experts said, they could be cannibalized to keep other sub-

marines operating. Norman Polmar, a naval expert in Virginia, estimated Wednesday that only half the North Korean submarine fleet was operational, and said the presumed purpose of the sale was to

obtain spare parts. The North Koreans own only 24 submarines, mostly smaller Chinese models. They have also built 48 midget submarines designed to slip undetected into South Korean ports in the

event of renewed bostilities in the Korean Pen-The sheer number of submarines involved in the transaccion — four times the number first reported from Russia a week ago — has clearly taken Japanese and South Korean officials

"Obviously, we are paying a lot of attention in this," a South Korean official said. But until South Korea receives a fuller explanation from Russia, which only resumed diplomatic relations with Seoul two years ago. "we won't be

unduly alarmed," he said. The revelation takes on a particular diplomatic importance as North Korea engages in a tense, painfully slow dialogue with the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency over allowing inspectors to resume their work at Yongbyon, North Korea's nuclear

Russia has been described as consistently belpful to the United States in its dealings with the isolated North Korean regime. But the transaction, which may be valued at upward of SE million, suggests that there is still a close commercial connection between the Russian and North Korean militaries, one that many in Asia believe is not regulated by Moscow, "We think these guys in the Russian Pacific Fleet are free-lancing," an American official said.

It is the second time in recent months that Russia has been caught dealing with the North Korean military. In August a Russian company flew truck chassis for mobil Scud missile launchers from North Korea to Damascus despite protests from the United States. There

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U.S. Calls Off Sanctions As Japan Yields on Bidding

By Paul F. Horvitz

fered enthusiastic praise Wednesday for a Japanese plan to open big public-works construcoon projects to foreign competition, and Washington officially dropped its threat of trade retaliation.
U.S. sanctions scheduled to go into effect

Thursday were canceled by Trade Representa-tive Mickey Kantor, who hailed the Japanese plan, approved Tuesday, as a "historic step

The Japanese bave finally done what we have long urged." Mr. Kantor said at a news conference. "This is clearly representative of bow great trading partners, allies, friends should operate together, and we are very pleased." leasen. He said Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa,

who is scheduled in meet with President Bill Clinton in Washington on Feb. 11. "deserves great credit" for the decision.

The warm U.S. response was tempered, however, by the continued deadlock in talks in Tokyo on U.S. efforts in further open Japan's semiconductor market to American manufacturers. U.S. negotiators said privately Wednesday that Tokyo needed to take emergency steps to reach a mutual goal of a 20 percent share for foreign companies in the Japanese microchip

Japanese trade officials, in turn, accused Washington of creating a false crisis and said American chip makers were generally sausfied with progress toward the 20 percent goal. The Associated Press reported from Tokyo.

That goal, in fact, was reached during the

fourth quarter of 1992, but the foreign chip companies market share has since fallen. Tense negotiations are likely between Tokyo

and Washington on a so-called framework for addressing U.S.-Japanese trade issues, as Washington is pressing hard for a breakthrough in the talks before the Clinton-Hosokawa meeting. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen will add a

stop in Tokyo to the schedule for his current Asian tour, his staff announced Wednesday. Mr. Bentsen is in China and plans to meet in Tokyo on Sunday with Mr. Hosokawa and Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii. (Page 4) Mr. Kantor left open the possibility that he

would travel to Tokyo to try to find common ground on the framework talks, which cover WASHINGTON — The United States of market-opening efforts in the medical, insur-In the construction sector, Mr. Kantor said

U.S. companies had won only about \$189 million of construction and architectural engineering business in Japan annually, while Japanese companies did about \$13 billion of business in the United States in recent years. The Japanese market for central government projects alone totals about \$20 billion, and the

intal of public and private projects in Japan reaches \$200 billion. Mr. Kantor said. Tokyo's plan, which is to start April I, would open bidding only for central government projects valued at more than about \$7.7 million or

for quasi-governmental projects valued at more than about \$25 million.

Among the key elements of the Japanese plan, Mr. Kantor said, are agreements in subpian, Mr. Nantor said, are agreements in sub-ject more types of projects to a pledge of non-discriminatory practices and the adoption of a system of open and compentive bidding.

You can't overstate bow important that is." Mr. Kantor said. They were designating the bidders. They have an A, B, C ranking. No U.S. company had ever been given an 'A' rank-

ing."
Mr. Kantor said Japan also had pledged to consider foreign companies' global business ac-ovities when evaluating their qualifications to bid, to eliminate the need to establish joint ventures and to seek joint monitoring of the plan with the United States.

Big Loss at Hanwa

Hanwa Co., one of Japan's most aggressive currency and stock market speculators, said Wednesday that it would write off 120 billion yen (\$1.08 billion) in investment losses in the current financial year — the largest loss ever reported by a Japanese company in a single

Hanwa, which specializes in trading steel products, said its president. Shigeru Kita. would resign in take responsibility for the loss (Page 11)

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service. WASHINGTON - White House aides say an informal search for a possible replacement

At Lame-Duck Pentagon,

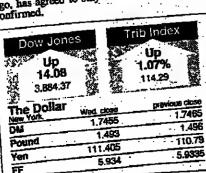
an informal search for a possible replacement for Bobby Ray Inman as President Bill Clinton's nominee for defense secretary had already begun last week after Mr. Clinton got "an inkling" of Mr. Inman's plans.

But Pentagon officials said that Mr. Inman's mithdranger of Treeday had late them.

withdrawal on Tuesday had left them in a difficult position: having to reopen the ques-tion of how to strengthen the administration's foreign policy lineap a month after Mr. In-man's selection was supposed to have settled it. "We're back in never-never land now," said a navy admiral. "It puts a lot pressure on the president to pick someone quick and someone

who can do the job.

Administration officials gave no indication when Mr. Clinton might announce another nominee. Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who announced his resignation just over a month ago, has agreed to stay on until a successor is confirmed.



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'Never-Never Land' Again Among the candidates being mentioned are William J. Perry, the deputy secretary of defense; R. James Woolsey, director of central intelligence, and John A. Young, a retired chief executive of Hewlett-Packard Co.

Others that have been mentioned include Norman Augustine, chairman of the defense contractor Martin Marietta Corp.; John P. Murtha, Democrat of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Appropriations defense subcommittee; Dave McCurdy, Democrat of Oklahomittee;

Rationale for withdrawing puzzles some of Inman's friends. Page 2.

ma, chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on military installations, and Warren Rudman, a Republican and former senator of New Hampshire. Mr. Clinton's communications director,

Mark Gearan, said that a choice of a successor ["That's the most serious part of it," former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Wednesday, The Associated Press reported. "A year into the administration we don't have any civil-

ian leadership at the Pentagon." [Mr. Cheney, interviewed on ABC, noted that the Defense Department was the one charged with the very security of the nation."
For the Pentagon to lack "strong civilian leadership" for so long is "a real problem," he said. Representative Ike Skelton, Democrat of Missouri, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, also voiced concern.

What bothers me, he said, "is that this signals

to our ailies that we don't have our national security house in order." Mr. Imman, the former deputy CIA director, said he changed his mind after vitriolic attacks from columnists" and private indications that the leader of the minority Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole of Kansas, intended to di-

rect a partisan response" to the nomination. A senior White House official said Mr. Clinton "had an inkling" about Mr. Inman's plans to withdraw before he left for Europe on Jan. 8, and that Mr. McLarty had instructed aides even before Friday to begin an "informal pro-cess" of identifying possible alternatives.



Beige, grey and white mottled dress over beige bloomers, by Valentino. He was naughty, Saint Laurent was sober on the last day of Paris couture shows. Page 8.

Iran Contra's Last Gasp: Did the Public Ever Care?

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The Iran-contra affair was a serious constitutional scandal, but its gravity was obscured by the prolonged and ultimately unsuccessful prosecution and by the congressional investigation seven years ago,

open door, are flocking to use it. Page 2.

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which turned into a political sideshow. The report issued this week by the independent counsel, Lawrence E. Walsh, added nothing but small details to what was already known about the case, but it re-emphasized these

 U.S. policy in Iran and Nicaragua was all but turned over to and carried out by a secret band of international arms dealers and private

 The small number of people in the govern ment who knew about these policies misled

Congress and lied to other top officials and even to each other so that no one knew all the The president. Ronald Reagan, who main-

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fenses at the time, neglected his consolutional duty to ensure that the laws are faithfully exe-

Presented so starkly, these matters may seem grave enough to bring down a government, but they were basically lost on the American public. Under the glare of television lights, the congressional inquisitors came across as bombastic bullies, and two primary offenders, Oliver L. North and John M. Poindexter, were seen 3s

As for Mr. Walsh, after spending seven years

and \$40 million, he may turn out to be the most widely scorned figure in the affair. Crippled by congressional grants of immunity and the refusal of the White House to declassify documents, he was never able to bring charges on the most serious constitutional violations, and his biggest courtroom victories were lost on appeal.

Vibrant and self-confident when the investigation began, be appeared worn down and defeated when he appeared on television Tuesday. The only person he sent to jail in the affair,

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That same strategy - using -continued throughout a spectacular navy career. His protectors included legends such as Admirals Arleigh A. Burke and Hyman G. Rickover, and he scaled four-star

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service
DAMASCUS — The only hakery to make

Passover matzohs and cakes has closed, after its owners got exit visas and moved to Europe. The last kosher butcher shop will go this spring, one more casualty of Jewish emigration. A few months ago, the chief rabbi even

discovered, to his surprise, that there was no longer anyone left in Syria qualified to perform the circumcision ritual; he had to send to Amer-

After enduring years of suspicion, even persecution, and government restrictions on travel and emigration, the last remnants of a Jewish population that numbered 100,000 at the tum of century are facing the challenge of their own dwindling numbers.

Since the government promised exit visas to all who wish to leave. Jews have been lining up. In the last two years, nearly 3,000 of the estimated 4,000 who remained in Syria in 1992 have chosen to seek new lives in America or

Some 1,200 remain, but \$50 of those hope to go. They will leave behind mostly elderly people and well-placed business people who feel they cannot afford to leave.

With Jews in Syria unable to seek refuge or aid from Jews in ocighboring Israel, with whom Syria remains technically in a state of war, their exodus may mean the disappearance of many of the ancient traditions and rituals that belped define part of Syrian cultural life since hiblical

Few Jews now live in the city's Jewish quarter, a warren of oarrow streets and ancient houses within the walls of the Old City.

Nearly half of the 22 synagogues that existed two years ago are closed, and so are many of the businesses in which Jewish entrepreneurs historically held sway, including the shops in Damascus's noisy souk whose Jewish artisans produced some of Syria's finest and most intricate silver handicrafts.

There are small Jewish populations in both Aleppo and Qameshli, an ancient Jewish com-munity near the Turkish border. But most of the approximately 1,200 Jews remaining in Syria live in Damascus.

"Every day we must make new adjustments. find new ways, to deal with our shrinking numbers," said the chief rahhi, Ihrahim Hamra, whose daughter has emigrated to America.

"So little is left now, and it is very sad for me

Hamra said with a small smile. "I am a rabbi. and if any Jew stays behind, so must I."

As the government's officially designated spokesman for Syria's Jews. Rabbi Hamra asserts that Jews in Syria no longer oeed to flee because of religious or political persecution.

"We are free to practice our religion and our culture." he said in an interview. "We can live a life of dignity.

For that, he said, he prays for the good health and long life of President Hafez Assad, with whom he and other prominent Jews met in 1992 for the first time when they were summoned for a special audience at Hanukkah.

To support his assertion, the rahhi showed a visitor a classroom in which some 20 children, wearing yarmulkes, were reading from Hebrew prayer books. They were part of an overall enrollment of 200.

According to some young Jews here, the problem these days is not the kind of harassment or surveillance their parents had to en-dure in the 1960s and 1970s, when many Syrians looked on Jews as kind of Israeli fifth

At a clothing shop in Shaalan, one of Damascus's more fashionable shopping districts, a young Jew said be felt a great ambivalence

"I have had my visa since last year, but I can't decide what to do," said the young man, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "My family has a factory here to make clothes, and I have a good life. But my brother will leave soon for Germany, my sister already lives in Brooklyn, and there aren't any Jewish girls left to marry." Then, he was asked, why doo't you use your

visa and leave? He paused and looked straight at his ques-tioner: "Let me ask you," he said. "Would it be so easy for you to leave your country?" Murad Jajati, who is the son of Yosef Jajati.

one of Damascus's most prosperous Jewish merchants, said: "I cannot complain about my conditions here. But it is difficult to watch every day as your friends and relatives leave." Throughout history, Syria's Jewish popula-tion has fluctuated. But during this century, it

olumn.

By the time the state of Israel was founded in Rather it is a feeling of being left behind. 2

1948, the Jewish population in Syria had

has been in a long decline.

Would be consider leaving? "I am not like a longing to be part of a larger lewish family that doctor or an engineer or a pharmacist." Rabbi no longer exists in Damascus. shrunk by more than half, to 50,000; in later years, as a succession of wars engulfed the region, the few thousand who remained came to regard themselves as hostages, denied permis-

sion to leave or even travel freely within Syria. For years, American and European Jewish organizations, as well as human rights groups. protested the treatment of Syria's Jews, citing incidents in which Jews were imprisoned without trial and tortured, accused of trying to flee

the country illegally. In April 1992, in a goodwill gesture after the Gulf War, Mr. Assad agreed to loosen emigration restrictions on Jews, among other things ending the practice of giving visas to every member of a family except one. In the ensuing six months, an estimated 2,600 Jews seized the chance to go.

But then, about the time of the American presidential elections. Syrian officials again slowed the flow of exit visas, to barely 10 a month. Jewish groups in the West accused Syria of using the 1,200 or so Jews still living here as a

bargaining chip in Middle East talks.

In December, when Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher traveled to Damascus to lay the groundwork for the meeting in Geneva between Mr. Assad and President Bill Clinton

Allowed an Open Door at Last, Syria's Oppressed Jews Are Flocking to Use It on Sunday, the Syrian leader promised to speed

Mr. Assad pledged that exit visas would be issued by the end of the year to the estimated

850 Jows still waiting to leave. Rabbi Hamra and others who say they intend to remain in Syria are banking their hopes on the unfolding peace efforts, and an eventual settlement between Israel and Syria that might

encourage Jews to return to Damascus. "Already about 100 Jews I know have come back, some to stay, because I think they now know that life is better and simpler for them in Syria, "Rabbi Hamra said. With time, we hope

more will come back." But it depends on peace, because with peace, said the rabbi, Jews in Syria would oo longer have to seek arrangements in Turkey or Morocco or America for kosher products or spiritual consolation. Syria's Jews would only have to cross the border to a place where no Syrian is now allowed to travel.

"There is an Egyptian song that begins with the line. Those who are closest to you are actually the farthest away." said Rabbi Hamra, who in conversation never mentions Israel hy name. "We ask God that some day soon, we will all be closer to each other."

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PLO-Israel Security Deadlock Needs

Senior-Level Review, Negotiators Say

TABA, Egypt (AFP)—Israeli and PLO negotiators discussing autonomy issues said Wednesday that a deadlock over the control of border crossings could be broken only through talks at a higher level.

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In a sign of an effort to resolve the problem, a Palestinian delegate said that the Palestine Liberation Organization was proposing a "new approach" on security issues. Israel's response was expected soon, he said.

The Palestinians have insisted on two points, which the Israelis reject: the hoisting of the Palestinian flag on the Allenby Bridge linking the occupied West Bank to Jordan, and "administrative coordination" on the road from the Iericho area to the hridge, sources chose to the talks said.

The PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, is set to meet with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Saturday in Oslo, sources said. The start of moves

Shimon Peres on Saturday in Oslo, sources said. The start of moves toward Palestinian antonomy to the West Bank area of Jericho and in the

Gaza Strip has been delayed by more than a month because of security issues and other matters. Water rights, expected to be the toughest issue of all, have yet to be discussed, a Palestinian delegate said.

Balladur Leads in a Presidential Poll

PARIS (Reuters) - Prime Minister Edouard Balladur could win a

presidential election in France on the first ballot if he were the center-right coalition's joint candidate, a poll published Wednesday showed. The poll by the Sofres institute for the newspaper Le Figaro, TF1 television and Europe 1 radio, showed that Mr. Balladur would win an

outright majority of 52 percent on the first round. The survey showed that

55 percent of voters believed that Mr. Balladur, a Gaullist, had the best

chance of winning the next presidential election, due in May 1995, far ahead of Jacques Chirac, the Ganllist party's leader, with 13 percent.

Every previous election since the presidency was decided by universal

suffrage has gone to a runoff round. Even de Gaulle Iailed to win a majority on the first ballot in 1965. Only a handful of voters believe that a

Socialist can win, with 5 percent for Jacques Delors and just 3.5 percent for the Socialist Party leader, Michel Rocard, the most likely candidate.

Trial Begins in Gandhi Assassination

MADRAS, India (Remers) - The long-delayed trial of 41 people

accused of plotting the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi opened Wednesday under a veil of secrecy.

Judge S.M. Siddickk barred all press from the trial, which is being held

in this capital of the southern state of Tamil Nadu, not far from where Mr. Gandhi was killed.

All the defendants are Tamils and include leaders of the Liberation

Tigers of Tamil Eelam, which is fighting for a separate state north and

Outsider Stays Out in the Cold

Rationale Puzzles Some of Inman's Friends

By Barton Gellman

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Reputation, Bobby Ray Inman often says, has meant everything to him. Some friends, although not all, said that is all the explanation they need for his astonishing assertion that he was withdrawing his nomination for secretary of defense because of "a handful of vitriolic attacks" by

newspaper columnists. Mr. Inman's hourlong meditation on his media reviews, and a phone interview later on, left a por-

trait of lifelong insecurity. Anyone who grows up clumsy and four-eyed in foothall-mad east Texas, Mr. Inman has told his friends, has to look for another way to get by in this world. A "Quiz Kids" radio show prodigy, Mr. In-man was 5 feet 4 inches and 96 pounds when he graduated from Mineola High School at 15, fAbout 1.63 meters and 43.5 kilograms.)

"How did I appear not to be a freak, and how did I avoid getting beaten up going to the restroom?" he once said, "I learned to do two things. One was to find two or three hig athletes and help them with their homework. Absolutely intentional. They became my protectors. And the other was to help people who wanted to run for school of-

hrains and guile to make himself iodispensable to powerful sponsors heights never reached before by an

intelligence officer.

gressed from praise to lavish praise. He got a Defense Superior Service Medal for "achievements unparalleled in the history of intelligence."

Yet Mr. Inman's self-image he over the country searching for said, was rather different. He is a one. One journalist, he said, even man, he said, who remembered anything hut the praise, Described often as a consummate Washing-ton insider, Mr. Inman laughed bit-terly. He called himself "this guy who constantly saw himself as an outsider working to succeed on the

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inside" - never quite reaching insiderdom himself. He said he got generally good reviews, "hut not by all, though."
And it was the had ones that him kept awake at night, sleepless with

"I'd wake up thinking about the stories, the hostile stories, not all the friendly ones." he said. But can a man who held four major positions be as naive as he

portrayed himself Tuesday about the capital's folkways? This is the same retired admiral, after all, who teaches a course at the University of Texas, his alma mater, on "How Government Really Works." The syllahus says he examines "trends in media cover-

age" and "efforts to manipulate public perceptioo." Peter Flawn, a former president of the University of Texas and frieod of Mr. lnman's, pronounced himself "mystified" by the spectacle Tuesday. Aoother friend, Joann DiGenero, said she could out believe Mr. Inman could be as shocked as he sounded.

Some of the pieces are missing. and we certainly didn't hear them ton had emerged to drive him from office, Mr. Inman said no - but said reporters had been "out all tried to find out whether he had

ever told "a racially oriented joke," Mr. Inman volunteered that there had been a whispering campaign about his sexual orientation after a 1980 episode in which he refused to revoke the security clearance of a homosexual man at the National Security Agency.

"There were of allegations, whispers, suggesting that I must be of comparative persuasion," he said, Those had come from other agencies as well. All of the law enforcement and security agencies were

adverse to the decision. When President Ronald Reagan nominated him for the post of CIA deputy director in 1981, Mr. Inman said, he volunteered to take a polygraph test. He said he was asked whether he was homosexual, that he denied it and that the polygrapher found his answer was "not eptive."

Mr. Inman's own explanation was stunningly simple. The last time he was up for confirmation, in Fehruary 1981, he had a two-hour hearing and a 98 to 0 Senate vote in his favor for the No. 2 CIA joh. This time, he said, there were prospects of opposition that could get

"Given this reactioo" to the nomination, he said, referring to unfriendly columns by William Safire and Anthony Lewis of The New York Times and Ellen Goodman of the Boston Globe, "to have gone on to the joh, it would have been a prescription for not doing a



Media 'Garbage' Was Too Hard to Handle, Inman Asserts

By Linda Greenhouse

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - His conviction that a "new McCarthyism" had taken hold of the press led Bobby Ray Inman to withdraw from consideration as defense secretary, the former nominee said.

In his extraordinary hourlong, rambling monologue on Tuesday, Mr. Imman described how his response to press coverage of his nomination evolved over a period of less than three weeks — from "bemused detach-ment" at the first unflattering references to the conclusion that accounts of his record were so unfair and distorted that there was no reason to "put up with that garhage" after 30 years in public life.

Several of his central assertions concerned writers and editors of The New York Times, most notably William Safire the columnist, whom Mr. Inman accused of vengeful hostility over a period of some 13

Describing himself as "agitated" hy a highly nega-tive column that Mr. Safire wrote about his nomination on Dec. 23. Mr. luman made a series of accusations against the columnist. He said there was "a trade" between Mr. Safire and Boh Dole of Kansas, the Republican leader in the

Senate, under which Mr. Dole would "turn up the heat

on my nomination," and that, in return, "Safire would

turo up the hear on the Whitewater development."

Rodham Clinton in Whitewater Development Co., an Arkansas real estate project that is soon to be the subject of an investigation by a special counsel.

Mr. Inman offered no proof for his accusation, which both Mr. Dole and Mr. Safire denied.

Calling the accusation "nothing short of weird," Mr. Safire said he had never had a conversation about Mr. Inman with Mr. Dole. "I don't have to have anybody ask me to tum up the heat on Whitewater." Mr. Saftre said. "I've been banging my spoon against the high chair about Whitewater ever since Vince Foster's apparent suicide." He was referring to the death in July of Vincent W. Foster Jr., the deputy

White House counsel. Mr. Inman said that he had been the object of "hostile" coverage by Mr. Safire ever since he de-clined, in the early 1980s, "to be a source" for the

Mr. Inman said, "He was very direct that if I didn't become a source. I would regret it in the subsequent coverage." He said that his later criticism of a Safire column, which he said "caused us to lose critical access" to intelligence sources on terrorism, "did not endear me to the columnist."

In his columns, Mr. Safire has raised repeated two conversations they have had, that could have been questions about the investment by Bill and Hillary taken as a threat. "I know I never threaten anybody." he said, "I don't

have to. This is an example of a man lashing out on the hasis of pure suspicion." The one substantive dispute the two men have had was over Israel. As Mr. Imman recounted the episode at his news conference Tuesday, he made a decision in early 1931, after the Israeli bombing of an Iraqi

nuclear reactor, to limit Israel's access to intelligence photographs taken by U.S. satellites. He said that Mr. Safire had complained about the decision to William J. Casey, then the director of central intelligence, who had been out of the country at the time, but that Mr. Casev supported the decision.

From that point on, if you will trace the coverage, it's been hostile." Mr. Inman said. Mr. Safire said that what evidently most angered Mr. Inman was "my criticism of his anti-Israel hias."
In his Dec. 23 column, "Ar. Safire recounted an incident he first reported in 1981, in which, he said, Mr. Inman "had planted a false story with a group of newsmen that Israel was the source of rumnrs that a

Lihvan 'hit squad' was on its way to the U.S."

In both his December 1981 column and the column last month. Mr. Safire wrote that Mr. Inman was Mr. Salire said Tuesday that he had no recollection trying to make Israel appear to be provoking an of what he might have said to Mr. Inman, in either of American air strike against Lihya.

Mr. Safire said that although Mr. Inman continued to deny this account, "I reconfirmed it with my

Referring to Mr. Inman's failure to pay Social Security taxes on his housekeeper's earnings. Mr. Safire also wrote in that column: "As a taxpayer, he is

That prompted Mr. Inman's final accusation against the columnist: that Mr. Safire is "a man who has hidden his own plagiarism by an out-of-court settlement with scaled documents."

Mr. Safire said that Mr. Inman was evidently referring to an incident some 35 years ago, when Mr. Safire was a vice president of the Tex McCrary public relations firm. He said he had never been accused of plagiarism,

but rather was the inadvertent conduit by which a writer used material from a personality profile of one of the firm's clients that had been prepared by another writer, Rubert Massie.

Mr. Safire said he had shown the profile to the writer without expecting that he would use it in an article of his own.

When Mr. Massie sued the McCrary firm, the firm's insurance company settled the case for several thou-

China and U.S. Sign Drift-Net Accord
BELING (Renters) — China and the United States have signed an fish in international waters, the official People's Daily said Wednesday. The agreement is intended to help enforce a UN ban on certain types drift-net fishing, the newspaper said. Joint U.S. and Chinese teams will inspect fishing boats that are suspected of using banned drift oets and that are registered in or Ilying the flag of either country.

Drift nets, which can be up to to 30 miles (50 kilometers) long, entangle not only fish but many sea mammals and seabirds. In May, U.S. Coast Guard cutters chased a Chinese fishing vessel in waters off the Alcutian

slands in what was the first discovered violation of the UN moratorium. Egypt Police Storm Muslim Enclave

CAIRO (Reuters) — More than 1,000 Egyptian commando police officers swept through Muslim militant hideouts in southern Cairo on Wednesday in the hloodiest crackdown this year.

At least 60 Muslims suspected of taking part to a wave of terrorist violence and assassination attempts were arrested in the dawn raids, in which one policeman and one militant were killed.

The Egyptian government referred 15 militants to a military court on charges of belonging to an illegal group that tried to kill Prime Minister Atef Sedki in a car bomb attack in November.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Debonair Airways to Fly From U.K.

LONDON (Reuters) - Debonair Airways, a new European line, said it planned to start flying from London-Gatwick in October, starting with services to Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Munich on BAc 146-300 jets. The founder, Franco Mancassola, an Italian and former executive with Continental and other U.S. airlines, said he hoped to fill a gap at Garwick for short-haul traffic left by the demise of Air Europe in 1991 and DanAir

Mr. Mancassola is halfway to securing the £13.5 million (about \$20 million) in financing that he needs to launch the airline and said he would lease a fleet of up to seven 96-seat jets from BAe's Asset Management, a

About 1,000 travelers remained stranded on Madeira on Wednesday as stormy weather caused the cancellation of flights to and from the Portuguese island for the third day. Santa Catarina airport was closed to most traffic Monday by winds of 100 kilometers an hour (60 miles an hour). The winds and heavy rain continued Tuesday and Wednesday. Strong winds were forecast for the Atlantic region through Friday. (AP)

A typhoon struck northeastern Australia on Wednesday after grazing Papua New Guinea, where it was believed to have killed nine people. The storm claimed its first victim in Australia when a boy in Brisbane was swept away by flood waters and drowned. Heavy seas were whipped up by winds up to 160 kilometers an hour (100 miles an hour).

Mixed Moscow Signals on Baltic Pullout huilding relations with the Baltic a "Clarification" Welcomed states," Mr. Karasin said.

MOSCOW - Russia sought Wednesday to dispel fears it might be planning to keep some troops in the Baitic states, saying that re-marks by Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev had been distorted by the flar-Tass press agency.
The agency quoted Mr. Kozyrev

on Tuesday as saying he opposed a

forces from the Baltics and other former Soviet states because Moscow had vital interests there.

news agency Wednesday that ltar-

Tass had misquoted Mr. Kozyrey.

change in Russia's attitude to

"There can be no talk about any

But a Foreign Ministry spokes-

Itar-Tass quoted Mr. Kozyrev as saying: "We should not withdraw from those regions that have been man, Georgi Karasin, told Interfax the sphere of Russian interests for centuries. He also referred to Russian "military presence." Itar-Tass partment spokesman said the de-

The United States welcomed on Wednesday what it said was Rus-sia's "clarification" of the remarks by Mr. Kozyrev, Reuters reported from Washington, But a State Dereported, quoting him as saying, partment still planned to review the "We should not fear these words."

MOSCOW — A serinus mistake hy an air-traffic controller nearly caused the collision of two foreign jumbo jets over the Russian Far

said Wednesday.
The Boeing B-747s, belonging to British Airways and Japan's All Nippon Airlines, were put on a

East a Russian aviation official

747s Averted a Collision

close the airliners came to each other. Both were flying at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet).

rection and avert a disaster.

A Russian investigation said that "serious error" by a controller was collision course near the city of responsible for the near-collision.

Khabarovsk on Nov. 29. Alerted by

on-board warning equipment, the

two pilots managed to change di-

The official did not say how

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THE AMERICAS / CLINTON SEES FOR HIMSELF

Frantic Commuters Pack Los Angeles Public Transport

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES — As President Bill Clinton arrived here to survey the damage after Southern Califorma's earthquake, Los Angeles area commuters entered the unfamiliar world of having to share their vehicles with neighbors or use public

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transportation on Wednesday.
Two strong aftershocks rumbled through the Los Angeles area within minutes of each other Wednesday afternoon. The first measured hetween 5.0 and 5.1 on the Richter scale, but the magnitude of the second, which thit only a few minutes later, was not immediately available. The carthquake early Monday measured 6.6.

State officials estimated that the damage could reach \$30 billion. and the death toll rose to 44. Los Angeles County hospitals said they had treated 2,863 patients for quake-related injuries, 530 of them serious enough to require hos-

Mr. Clinton arrived from Washington to get a firsthand look, Governor Pete Wilson of California Mayor Richard Riordan of Los: Angeles and the state's U.S. senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne

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Feinstein, met the president at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport. The president then headed by motorcade to inspect some of the worst damage to the region's crip-

Clinton got out of his limousine at the intersection of the Golden State and Antelope Valley freeways, a key link between Los Angeles and its northern suburbs. The intersec-300.000 cars a day.

President Clinton pledged to search for "unusual and unprece-ditional Small Business Adminis-

Away From Politics

• The virus responsible for the version of AIDS

found in monkeys has been isolated for the first

time, in the blood of a laboratory worker who was

exposed to an infected animal. The findings about

simian immunodeficiency, virus show "the risk of burnan infection with SIV is no longer merely hypo-thetical," said a team led by Dr. Rima Khabbaz of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A federal agent who participated in a raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Texas testified that one of the 11 sect members on trial for murder in

San Antonio had shot and wounded him. "Everything is etched on my brain until the day I die." said Eric Evers of the U.S. Burein of Alcohol.

Tobacco and Firearms. He identified Livingston

Fagan, 34, as the gunman. Mr. Fagan, 34, a native

of Jamaica who was raised in Nottingham. England, is the first of the defendants to be linked

directly to the gunbattle that followed the Feb. 28 taid to serve a warrant for weapons charges.

A potential repeat of the Amerak disaster that killed 47 people was marrowly averted when au-thorities were notified that a loose barge had hit a bridge near Ameria, Louisiana, knocking it out of



Two sections of feeder ramps that collapsed in the quake, center left and right, at the intersection of state Route 14 and Interstate 5.

pled freeway system.

In the San Fernando Valley, Mr. dented" steps to help Southern tration money that would make California recover.

California recover. available \$239 million in loans.

"It's important that we move this

thing as quickly as we can," he said. The director of Office of Mantion was destroyed when one road agement and Budget, Leon E. Pa-collapsed on the other, Both roads netta, traveling with Mr. Clinton, handle a combined flow of over said the president was delivering \$45 million for immediate highway repairs and debris removal and ad-

porting packed conditions.

Metrolink, one of the mass transportation rail services, said that trains which normally carry as few as six passengers during the morning rush hour were packed with more than 200 people Wednesday.

The rail authority has more than doubled the size of its trains on the Santa Clarita line, one of its main

Alabama. The National Transportation Safety Board said a barge had struck the bridge.

sheet of stamps celebrating the American West,

acknowledging it put the wrong cowboy on one stamp. The family of the rodeo star Bill Pickett had said that the stamps, scheduled for March release,

depicted one of the cowboy's brothers. The agency will destroy the sheets and issue a corrected version.

Shannon Fankner, 18, said she would begin attending The Citadel on Thursday, following the lifting of a court order that had stopped her from

becoming the first woman to attend day classes at

the military college in South Carolina. "When I am

able to talk to them one on-one, I hope they will see me as an individual," she said of the male cadets.

• Teenagers must be off the streets by 11 P.M. under a Dade County, Florida, crime-fighting or-

dinance adopted by county commissioners on a 10-to-3 vote. The currew is expected to be chal-

· A former co-worker of Lorena Bobbitt's testified

that Mrs. Bobbitt once said she would cut off her

husband's penis if she ever caught him cheating on her. The co-worker, Counie James, testified in Manassas, Virginia, that she had said, "That would hurt him more than just killing him." Mrs. Bobbit

lenged in court by civil rights activists.

The Postal Service has recelled an upcor

commuter services, but was still re- Southern California life-style was unsustainable

Commuter trains and buses were running up to an hour behind schedule because of detours, the need to slow down near to land-Morning radio talk shows were openly speculating that this was the slide areas, and riders' lack of fa-

beginning of a total change in comtation system. muter habits of area residents who For those motorists determined not to break the habit of a lifetime, age in many school buildings, the situation was even worse, with (AP, AFP, Reuters) have persistently refused to accept government warnings that the the situation was even worse, with

miliarity with the public transpor-

when two people died of heart at-tacks provoked by the earthquake.

Thousands of jittery residents continued to camp out in parks and shelters, and people found them-selves in ever-longer lines for gas, food, water, which were in short

longer than usual, the police said.

ways leading to downtown Los An-

geles were closed to traffic.

Large stretches of 11 major road-

Drivers from Santa Clarita were

forced off severed interstate 5 and

backed up 10 miles (16 kilometers)

on a weaving 20-mile route of sur-face roads. Confused motorists

formed an agonizingly slow proces-

ion, sometimes stopping for direc-

"Right now most of them don't

know where they're going," said a highway patrol officer. Jim Mair.

But I imagine they'll be picking it

up pretty quick. They'll have a lot

The death toll rose to 42 early

Wednesday when the bodies of a

couple were found in their home in

suburban Van Nuys. They were crushed to death in bed when a

wardrobe crashed down on them.

The count fater climbed to 44

Time to practice."

More than 2,500 people have been displaced from their homes. Streets were empty overnight Tuesday during a second night of an 11 P.M.-10-7 A.M. curfew. More than 2,000 National Guard troops patrolled to prevent looting.

Nighttime brought the eerie glow of dozens of small fires to neighborhoods darkened by power out-

Schools were ordered closed Wednesday due to structural dam-

Quake Victims as Retailers' Victims

Mass transit car parks, adjacent

to commuter rail stations and bus

stops, also were overflowing.

LOS ANGELES -- Some residents of earthquake-ravaged communities have become victims of a different sort as merchants have which is defined as raising prices by LOS ANGELES -- Some resiincreased prices on such everyday necessities as milk, water, gasoline, batteries and disposable diapers.

At a shelter set up for victims at Sylmar High School, a woman told aides to Representative Howard L Berman, Democrat of California, that a convenience store had charged her \$1.50 for a cup of wa-

In San Fernando, the police perpuri doctate aca e doctation lower gasoline prices after he had bolstered them 140 percent.

Throughout the region, there were reports of price gouging on supplies to repair water pipes and water beaters, and plywood needed to board storefronts and windows. Anticipating further such re-ports, authorities in Los Angeles have established a task force to

raising events and public insurance four sheets of plywood for \$1,000. more than 10 times the usual price.

10 percent more than predisaster prices. The ordinance was adopted nando Police Department. "The most ridiculous price I've heard is geles area law enforcement officials 58 for a gallon of milk." found they had few legal tools to

fight price gouging. Deputy City Attorney Ruth Kwan, who heads the task force. said she had received complaints about two convenience stores in the San Fernando Valley charging \$6 for a gallon of water, and a con-

"Our officers are coming back

with reports from citizens all over the city," said Robert Parks, public information officer for the San Fer-Immediately after the quake, the

gas station manager raised the price of regular gasoline to \$2.50 a gallon from \$1.04.

"Our officers persuaded him to use better judgment," said the San Fernando police chief, Dominick Rivetti. The gasoline was back at struction supply company peddling proquake prices Wednesday.

Clinton, in Checkup, Gets Top Grades

NEW YORK - President Bill Clinton was declared "in excellent health" after his first annual medical checkup as president.

Mr. Clinton spent six and a half hours at Bethesda Naval Hospital on Tuesday undergoing the routine physical: he later told reporters

The president, who suffers from allergies, was advised to continue

his desensitization shots, the White House said in a statement from his press secretary. Dee Dee Myers.

His cholesterol count was 204 milligrams per deciliter, which is considered on the borderline of high, according to guidelines from the National Cholesterol Education Program. But Dr. Robert Ramsey, the White House physician, found "no indication of heart disease or other serious disorders," on the hasis of an electrocardiogram and a trendmill exercise test. Mr. Myers said. gram and a treadmill exercise test. Ms. Myers said.

Mr. Clinton's cholesterol level had been as high as 227 in recent years but had dropped to 184 in October 1992. His lowest cholesterol reading was 161, in 1986. Cholesterol values can fluctuate with

changes in weight and diet as well as stress. The president, 47, is 6 feet 214 inches (190 centimeters) tall and weighed 210 pounds (95 kilograms) Tuesday. His weight has fluctuated over the last few years. He weighed 226 pounds in September 1991 and 215 pounds in October 1992. At that time, his doctor in Little Rock, Arkansas, said he recommended a goal of 200 to 220

The examination included a chest X-ray, bearing test, eye examination, and allergy and skin examinations. Other, unspecified blood tests, the White House said, "were completely normal." (NYT)

Walsh Report Pursues North to Senate Race

WASHINGTON - In the final report on the Iran-contra affair, Oliver L. North, now a Virginia Senate candidate, is portrayed as someone who repeatedly lied, broke the law and misused money. The report was made public only days before Mr. North planned to open his campaign formally.

The report from Lawrence E. Walsh, the special prosecutor, which came out Tuesday, will create significant political fallout for the first-time candidate, according to analysts. It refocuses attention on Mr. North's role in the scandal and questions his integrity. Both contrast sharply with Mr. North's repeated descriptions of himself as a White House subordinate who loyally followed orders.

Despite the North camp's efforts to play down the significance of the report, lawyers had fought for several months to prevent its release, contending that Mr. Walsh had treated Mr. North and other Iran-contra participants unfairly. A judge who also questioned Mr. Walsh's fairness offered those named in the report a chance to include a written response, but Mr. North did not offer any. (WP)

Friends, and Funds, Deserting Packwood?

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Packwood raised \$25,600 for legal expenses during the fourth quarter of last year, less than half the \$\$7,000 he had taken in during the previous quarter, according to a report filed by the Oregon Republican with the Senate.

Including the gifts made between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. Mr. Packwood has raised more than \$300,000 for expenses incurred

because of investigations by the Senate Select Committee on Ethics and the Justice Department into his sexual and official conduct

But the pace of giving appeared to drop off just as Mr. Packwood's legal hurden grew heavier. It was during this period that the ethics committee went to court to enforce a subpoena for his diaries and the Justice Department filed a separate subpoena for the journals. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Christine Todd Whitman, after being sworn in as New Jersey's 50th governor and its first woman chief executive, calling for an immediate start on her campaign pledge to cut state income taxes by nearly one-third: "We will be competitive. No more losing our employers to job raids by low-tax states. New Jersey is open for

alignment. The Miami-to-Los Angeles Sunset has denied ever making such a statement. She says Limited was stopped about 10 minutes away from she cut off her husband's penis in 1993 because of the bridge. On Sept. 22, the Sunset Limited plunged off a bridge into a bayon near Mobile, repeated physical and sexual abuse during their handle quake-related complaints Roders, AP. NYT, WP four-year marriage. about price gouging, charity fund-

Not Even Beer Gets Brewed in U.S. Cold

NEW YORK - It was so cold they stopped brewing beer in Milwaukee. The Statue of Liberty stopped welcoming visitors. People in Atlanta were asked not to bathe. And a town in West Virginia just shut down Wednesday because of the cold.

Across most of the eastern United States,

brutally cold temperatures closed schools, businesses, roads and airports. The mayor of Parkersburg, West Virginia, sent government workers home and asked businesses to close. From Kentucky to Maine, thousands of peo-

ple were without electricity or drinking water. Utilities struggled to keep up with record demands for heat and power.

At least 69 deaths have been blamed on the cold snap that began on the weekend. Most of the victims were killed on by roads or had heart

attacks shoveling snow. Some froze to death, including a baby born Monday in an unheated house in Dayton, Ohio, where it was a record minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 32 centigrade) Tuesday. In Milwaukee, Miller Brewing Co. canceled its evening and morning work shifts because of the weather for the first time in at least 10 years, rather than make employees come to work in the cold. It was minus 17 degrees Fahrenheit

(minus 27 centigrade).

in New York City, the Statue of Liberty and Pilis Island were closed Wednesday because the docks were too icy for tourists to board the



A Chicago fire fighter trimmed with icicles after battling a blaze in the record cold.

Record lows for the day were recorded in dozens of cities, including Washington, Chicago and St. Cloud, Minnesota, where the mercury dipped to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit (also

minus 40 degrees centigrade).
The temperature in Washington on Wednesday reached minus four degrees Faluenheit (minus 20 degrees centigrade), ectipsing the previous record low of 3 degrees Faluenheit minus 20 centigrade). Icy winds and cold curtailed operations at area airports and forced federal offices to shot down until at least Fri-

The mayor of Atlanta, Bill Campbell, asked residents not to bathe Wednesday after three pipes supplying the city with water from the Chattahoochee River broke.

Bite Felt Even in Chicago

Chicago is a tough city, its residents defantly proud of their ability to withstand harsh winter weather that would defeat the less resilient, the Washington Post reported. Last week, in an item he labeled "wimp watch," the Chicago Tribune's new Washington bureau chief reported with unabashed Midwestern disdain how some schools in the Washington area had been closed "in anticipation of snow."

But there are limits for even the hardiest of winter warriors, and on Tuesday and Wednes day those limits were reached in Chicago. The nublic schools and most other schools in the area closed rather than expose children to tem-peratures that never climbed above minus 11 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 24 centigrade) and a windchill index that reached minus 70 Fahren-



Classified Valentine Message Contest

Every year on February 14th, more and more people use the Trib's classified section to send a greeting to the Valentine of their choice and some of them get pretty creative.

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This inspired us to have some fun with our readers by launching a contest for the most original classified Valentine. Here's how it works. Print your classified message on the form

below-minimum 3 lines-and mail it to your nearest IHT office together with your remittance or your credit card reference. Your ad will run on

Valentine's day Monday. February 14th and that evening the jury will meet to select the winners.
The results will be published in the IHT'S edition of Monday, February 21st.

So have some fun with us, wherever you may be. Get your creative juices flowing and send in your entry today.

Sikh Vets in Canada Face a New Enemy

By Anne Swardson

Washington Past Service
TORONTO — Marching in a Canadian Veterans Day parade in November, Pritam Singh Jauhal proudly wore the medals he had carned finking in the Possick Sch. Administration in the Possick Sch. Administra fighting in the British 8th Army in North Africa during World War II.

But when he and five other Sikh veterans tried to enter the local Royal Canadian Legion hall in a Vancouver suburb for a commemorative gathering, they were barred at the door. The dress code, legion officials explained, forhade headgear, and the men were wearing mrbans. Because turbans are required wear for Sikh males, Mr. Jauhai and his colleagues declined to remove theirs.

"Since we all fought together in the battle against the common enemy, why should we not be able to go like brothers into one room." Mr. Jauhal, 73 and a Canadian citizen, asked at the time. "They are being disgraceful and disgust-

The governing body of the national Canadian Legion, embarrassed by the publicity, quickly issued an order requiring the 1,750 local branches of the veterans' organization not to consider turbans "headgear."

But a smattering of legions across the country said they would defy the national order, and

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a number of legionnaires have made statements suggesting they believe Sikhs are something less than true Canadians.

A recent survey found that 4) percent of respondents felt that Canadian immigration policy allowed in "too many people of different races and cultures." Although it was the first time the question had been asked, similar surveys indicate resentment of immigrants is on the rise. The Ottawa Citizen newspaper quoted a confidential government document as saying. "A belief that Canada is accepting too many immigrants from ethnic minorities appears to

be hardening." The controversy has even spread to Queen Elizabeth II, to whom veterans say they are showing respect by dolling their headgear. The queen, who has met with turbaned Sikhs without taking offense, is aware of the dispute but does not wish to get involved, according to a spokesman at Buckingham Palace.

Canada is home to nearly 150,000 Sikhs, a religious group whose members have been immigrating from India since the turn of the century. Sikhs were responsible for a few terrorist incidents here in the mid-1980s but for the most part have been law-abiding citizens. For practicing Sikh men, wearing a turban over their uncut hair is a requirement.

Members of the Sikh community said they heard no objections to their turbans while fighting in the wars and ask why should they hear them now, in the Veterans Day incident, the legion specifically opened its doors to veterans from all countries, Sikhs point out.

"Sikh people have become very visible in politics, business and other parts of Canadian life," said Gian Singh Sandhu, an adviser to the World Sikh Organization in Vancouver. "That certainly is perceived as a threat by a small

Greg Hogan, spokesman for the dominion national command of the legion, pointed out that only a few of the 1,750 local legion branches have objected to allowing turbanwearers to enter. Dress codes are up to the local branches, some of which have Sikh members and allow them to enter with turbans, he said The Canadian armed forces allow Sikh soldiers and officers to wear turbans unless safety is an issue. A few years ago, the Royal Canadi

an Mounted Police changed its rules and al-

lowed Sikh recruits to wear turbans instead of

the traditional flat-brimmed hat.

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rights record, Mr. Bentsen said he

Minister Liu Zhongli. "We need to help China reform. The benefits of trade and investment cannot help China unless China lets it happen.

Bentsen, in Beijing,

Insists on 'Serious'

Progress on Rights

BELIING — Treasury Secretary

Lloyd Bentsen delivered this mes-

sage to China on Wednesday: Im-

prove your record on human rights

or risk losing trade concessions from the United States.

"What we're looking for is con-crete, serious progress," Mr. Bent-

He said Mr. Li made no prom-

Mr. Bentsen, who arrived

Clinton has tied China's

most-favored-nation trade status, which is up for renewal in June, to

progress in correcting alleged Chi-

oese abuses of human rights.

Mr. Bentsen described his talks

He sought to convince the Chi-

nese that the administration was

with Mr. Li as "very frank."

hope for more.

willing to do more.

China has an annual trade surplus of more than \$20 billion with the United States, second only to Japan's \$50 billion. Mr. Bentsen, who is on a roundsen said at a news conference after the-world trip that has already tak-

en him to Russia. Indonesia and meeting with the Chinese prime Thailand, is scheduled to meet minister, Li Peng. "Some of that has been made. We anticipate and President Jiang Zemin and Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji on On Friday, he will help reinstate a joint economic committee that

Wednesday, is the highest-ranking member of the U.S. administration has oot met since 1987, before the crackdown oo pro-democracy demonstrators by the Chinese milito visit China since President Bill tary. The committee will provide a Clinton took office a year ago. The Treasury secretary said he was pleased by Chioa's release of forum to discuss China's efforts to reform its economy and U.S. contwo prominent political prisoners this month, but added that Chinese cerns about Chinese trade prac-But in the end, Mr. Bentsen said. officials gave no sign that they were

progress on human rights was essential to future ties between the two countries. "I'm making it clear that progress on human rights is basic to our relationship," he said. The Xinhua press agency said Mr. Li told Mr. Bentsen: "China and the United States should seize the current opportunity and take practical steps in order to push Sino-U.S. relations back onto the normal track of development at an

'It's important to the U.S. presiearly date." "From a realistic as well as a long-term perspective," Mr. Li was quoted as saying, "a wide range of common interests exists between China has opposed linking trade China and the United States, who should maintain a healthy and good relationship and enhance mually beneficial cooperation in all China's loss of the favored trade

Mr. Li acknowledged that differ-ences existed between the two sides, and he repeated Beijing's call for consultation rather than con-(Reuters, AP)

The World Bank has said that ■ Bush Speaks of Progress Former President George Bush told Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand on Wednesday that ported goods, could slash Chinese be had seen progress on human rights when he visited China earlier exports to the United States by as Besides making known Washing-ton's concern about China's human this week, Reuters reported from Bangkok.

"They talked a bit about the changes that both leaders have seen in China," said the government spokesman, Abhisit Vejjajiva. " George Bush himself said that he is very excited by the changes."

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Mr. Bush arrived in Thailand on "It's really time to engage China Tuesday after a five-day private on economic issues," Mr. Bentsen trip to China, where he met senior said before a dinner with Finance officials, including Mr. Jiang,

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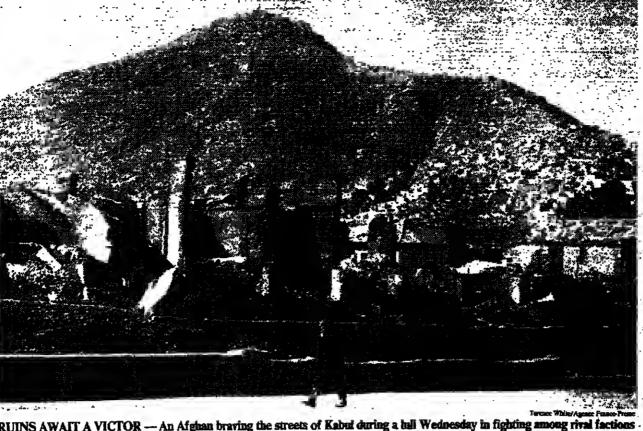
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China Unveils Plan for Modern Warplane

BEIJING — China plans to design and produce advanced jet fighters by the year 2000, the official Xinhua press agency reported on

Such planes would be a counterweight to those in the formidable Taiwanese Air Force,

ticated U.S. and French warplanes. In making the announcement, Zhu Yuli, head of the state-owned Aviation Industries of China. did not address strategic questions. Xinbua said. But he did describe the effort as part of an ambitious industry "takeoff plan."

Beijing's goals, he said, were to build a com-

design and produce its own advanced lighter planes for the People's Liberation Army," Mr. Thu said.

China also plans to build a "complete research and production system for advanced helicopters," he said, and will be able to "design and produce turbojet engines for military

military aircraft

The planned lighter would enable China to ease its long-standing dependence on the Soviet-era MiG and Sukhoi designs, which Beijing fears have been losing their strategic edge since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The Chinese Air Force upgrades the older Soviet jet fighters with advanced Chinese-made avionics.

If it successfully produces its own advanced fighter. China would be better poised to enter the potentially lucrative jet fighter market, oow dominated by the United States and France. ■ Missile Output Soars 54%

Mr. Zhu also was quoted as saying that Chinese missile production grew 53.9 percent last year, compared with 1992, Agence France-Presse reported Wednesday from Beijing. The

A Western expert said, "This spectacular increase shows a great weapons-production effort by China, and a marked increase in military exports.

China has been accused by the United States of delivering missiles to such countries as Pakistan, Iran and Syria.

Plutonium-Laced Cartoon Gets Few Laughs in Japan

Japan's Politicians

Are Counting Noses

Reform Vote Too Close to Call

By T. R. Reid

TOKYO — As Japan's parlia-

ment moves toward final action on

legislation that could determine the

fate of Prime Minister Morihiro

Hosokawa and his government

Japanese politicians have resorted

to something unusual here: They

In this consensus-minded country, any major decision is expected

to be worked out harmoniously

among all the parties, so that the

actual vote is virtually unanimous

Birt Mr. Hosokawa's far-reach-

ing plan to revamp the national election system and tighten campaign-finance laws would change the political framework so drasti-

cally that harmony, much less una-nimity, has been hard to come by.

When the bill comes up for final

passage, probably this week, in the upper house of the Diet, Japan's

parliament, the vote is likely to be

so tight that leaders of every party

are pleading and politicking on the

Most political pros still say Mr. Hosokawa is likely to prevail — a

result that would enhance his repu-

tation as a political wizard and

strengthen his stature as one of the

most popular prime ministers in Japan's history. A defeat would be a serious setback that might even force him to dissolve his govern-

(Japan's ruling coalition decided

a midnight session Wednesday

to delay for one day an upper house committee vote on the political re-

A parliamentary official said, The Japanese cabinet and coali-

tion lawmakers were all ready for

the panel vote tonight, but it was

form bills, Reuters reported.

ment and call elections.

theory that every vote counts.

are actually counting votes.

and thus a formality.

decided to delay action until at least Thursday morning." The

threat to put the coalition's reform

plan to a vote appeared to be a

pressure tactic aimed at the opposi-

tion Liberal Democratic Party.

which so far has refused to ease its

demands for major revisions to the

Eleventh-hour talks had been

scheduled between Mr. Hosokawa

and the Liberal Democratic leader.

Yohei Kono on Wednesday night in hopes the two leaders would be

able to break the stalemate. Those

too have been delayed. A compro

mise pact is seen as crucial to both sides, neither of which is certain of

prevailing in a full upper house

vote.]
Political Tokyo is wrapped in an

air of tension right now, but in contrast to the frisson of exhibita-

tion these moments spark in Wash-

ington, Japan's political world is hardly savoring its big moment

this another way, with agreement from all parties," said Defense

Minister Kazno Aichi. But in fact

it turns out we're going to have to

Mr. Hosokawa made history last year when he meticulously patched

together a seven-party governing coalition. His jury-rigged government ended four decades of one party rule by the Liberal Picific

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the lower house of the Diet and sharply restrict campaign contains tons from corporations. The publican for Mr. Hosokawa is that it

would jeopardize several parties -including the Socialists, who make

up the largest bloc in his coalition.

The new law would redraw dis-

of Japan's major parties.

win this on the votes."

"Of course we wish we could do

TOKYO — Japanese environmentalists want a nuclear power company to withdraw a promotional cartoon video that shows a child enjoying a glass of water containing plutonium, group representatives said Wednesday.

The video was produced by Power Reactor & Nuclear Development Corp., which is developing a controversial fast-breeder reactor on the Sea of Japan coast in Fukui Prefecture.

The scene in the video is intended to assure residents concerned about the dangers of plutonium used in the reactor that it is not harmful in small quantities.

But Kryoshi Yoshimura, head of the local environmental group that began the protest, said the video did not specify how small the amounts must be in order to remain safe. He added that presenting the message in an animated cartoon was a cynical way of manipulat-ing children.

The problem is, the video is in cartoon form and it says simply that it is O.K. to drink water with plutonium in it," he said. "It doesn't say how much is safe. It should be scrapped."

An official of the power company said the point about plutonium in water was that it hardly dissolves, meaning only a tiny proportion of that which passes into the stomach gets absorbed into the body. more easily when it comes into direct contact with the lungs.

Beijing is a major buyer of Western commercial aircraft. But because of its communist ideofficial did not give production figures, howevology, China is not granted access to Western

which has its own advanced fighter and sophis-

pletely Chinese-made fighter as well as ad-vanced turbojet engines and military helicop-

"By the year 2000. China will be able to

North Korea Denies Buying Arms Device TOKYO-North Korea denied

"By inventing the case of export on Wednesday allegations that Japof a spectrum analyzer, they foolanese companies had sold it a deishly seek to impair the image of vice called a spectrum analyzer, which could be used to guide ballisthe peace-loving North Korea," the agency said.

Tokyo police raided the office of The official North Korean press Yokohama Machinery Trading Co. agency KCNA said Japanese "reactionaries" had made up the case last week on suspicion the firm ex-

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> KCNA said such equipment had never been shipped to North Korea through a third country.

"It is impossible that the spectrum analyzer, which is used for the development of television and other telecommunication apparatus, was exported to the DPRK through a third country," it said.

The Kyodo ocws agency in Ja- Korea and other countries fear that pan quoted officials of one un- North Korea is secretly developing named manufacturer Friday as nuclear warbeads for the missile saying the spectrum analyzers were which could hit cities in South Ko-TRE B OF DIOS oy for export to China in 1989. And a source close to investiga-

alyzers had reached North Korea

The equipment is capable of measuring high frequencies accurately and reports said the the devices could be used to improve the accuracy of North Korea's onclearcapable Rodong-1 missile. . .

dence to prove it," he added. .

Rodong-l is an upgraded version of the former Soviet Union's Scud, with a range of 1,000 kilometers (about 600 miles). Japan, South Korea and other countries fear that minutes of being fired.

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Accord Is Elusive as Afrikaner Right Gets More Bellicose By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service
JOHANNESBURG — With prospects fading for a political settlement that would draw the white right into South Africa's first democratic election, the right's self-styled man of peace resorted to threats of

violence Wednesday.

Sometimes you have to use a bitle bit of violence to "Sometimes you have to use a bittle bit of violence to prevent further big violence," said the co-chairman of the Afrikaner People's Front, General Constand Viljoen, who retired from the military as head of the South African Defense Forces, "If we don't find self-determination at this stage," he said, "then we will have much more violence in the future."

The front is pressing for a separate state for Afrikaners, 3 million whites of mostly Dutch extraction who were responsible for the apartheid system of racial oppression, which will be dismanuled after the April 27 vote. Its talks with the National Party government and the African National Congress face a self-imposed deadline of Monday, and none of the parties expects

Since he came out of retirement last April to lead the newly formed front, General Viljoen has presented himself as a would-be dealmaker and peacemaker.

Many ligures in the government, the ANC and the
diplomatic community hoped he might ultimately

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DRESDEN. — After his roller-coaster ride from obscurity to fame and back again, crimes every day, and when I Steffen Heitmann can claim to look at the backgrounds of

German politics.

Mr. Heitmann, justice minister in the eastern state of Saxohard transport when he have no family at all. If families are unstable, then society also

like for a modern woman. But I

criminals, I see that in almost

Mr. Kohl quickly assigned one of his aides to shepherd Mr. Heitmann through interviews,

but the nomince seemed unin-

terested in learning his political catechism. In quick succession

he suggested that European

unity was being forced on Ger-mans too quickly, and that the

arrival of large numbers of for-

eign asylum-seekers here was making some Germans (ee) like

strangers in their own country.

Despite rising political and editorial criticism, Mr. Heit-

mann went on to touch Germa-

ny's most sensitive nerve. He

By Stephen Kinzer

be an expert on the taboos of

become Germany's next presi-

dent. Because the man who nominated him was Chancellor

Helmut Kohl, he seemed almost

certain of victory.
But after his nomination, Mr.

Heitmann made several state-ments that shocked many Ger-mans. His refusal to embrace

widely held views on matters

ranging from European unity to

the role of women in society

stirred a nationwide furor. In what amounted to a bumiliating

political defeat, Mr. Kohl was-forced to withdraw his name.

Last Saturday, the Christian

Democrats nominated a presi-dential candidate to succeed

Mr. Heitmann. He is Roman

Herzog, a Bavarian who is chief

justice of Germany's highest

The opposition Social Demo-

crats have nominated Johannes Rau, premier of the state of North Rhine-Weatphalia. A de-

cision ou the ceremonial but

influential presidency will come when a specially convened as-

sembly votes in May. In an interview in his office

unpleasant political lessons.

discussed, they are very strict.

Certain subjects have to be

treated publicly in a very partic-

ular way. I violated these rules

on several occasions, and I'm

giad I did."

moderate the hard-liners in his alliance, such as the other front co-chairman, Ferdi Hartzenberg of the quell rightist violence. Conservative Party, and the neo-Nazi paramilitary leader Eugene Terre Blanche.

Instead, the failure of the talks now seems to be pushing the general into the hard-liners' camp. He and Mr. Hartzenberg announced Wednesday that the front would hold a national congress Jan. 29 to set up a shadow rightist government, and lay plans for resisting the ANC-led government expected to take power after April 27. Until now General Viljoen and Mr. Hartzenberg have characterized this phase of their resistance campaign as nonviolent, focusing on such strategies as tax howootts. Now they have upped the strategies as tax boycotts. Now they have upped the ante, at least thetorically,

Over the past several years, there have been episodic acts of rightist sabotage. Uotil now, they have been uncoordinated — the works of various small cells of Afrikaner resistance fighters. Most analysis believe that even if the threat were to become more serious. the South African Defense Force would remain loyal to the duly elected government and move to constrain it. In addition, a new 10,000 member National Peace Keeping Force — made up of defense forces troops. homeland armies and former liberation armies - is to start training later this month. It will be under multi-

Nelson Mandels, the ANC president called General Viljeoo's comments "very regrettable." Speaking at a press luncheon in Johannesburg, Mr. Mandela said that the door would remain open for negotiations even after Monday, but he reiterated that the ANC would never accept any state in which ethnicity was the basis for full citizenship rights. He did say that if the Afrikaners could produce a map of an area in which they were in the majority, the ANC might consider accommodating them with a federal state. But he said it now appeared too late to make such changes in time for the April 27 vote.

"Don't imagine that the ultraright represents the Afrikaners." Mr. Mandela added, noting that he had been holding talks with the influential Dutch Reformed Church, a leading Afrikaner institution that once supported apartheid but opposes an apartheid-style Afrikaner state.

Polls show that the Afrikaner right is becoming more isolated as it becomes more doctrinaire. "You have essentially a morselized resistance, full of a lot of crazies," a Western diplomat said. "That increases the chances there will be trouble — but probably also increases the chances that it can be contained."

On Jan. 29, another election holdout, the Zulo based Inkatha Freedom Party, will also hold a national congress to decide whether it should participate. The Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi is demanding more regional powers, recognition of the Zulu monarchy and a double ballot system that would allow voters to make separate choices on regional and pational lists.

Inkatha and the Afrikaner People's Front are linked in the Freedom Alliance. Last week one of the alliance's smaller members, the homeland government of Ciskei, broke ranks and decided to take part in the election. Another alliance member, the homeland goverament of Bophuthatswana, is under heavy pressure to do the same. Both are heavily dependent on Pretoria for their hudgets.

On a unrelated election matter Wednesday, Mr. Mandela defended the ANC decision to allow his estranged wife, Winnie, to be one of its candidates for national parliament, despite her 1991 conviction on a kidnapping charge. He noted that Mrs. Mandela had finished fifth — out of bundreds of candidates — in the ANC's internal list-making vote conducted by all its grass-roots chapters. "If the masses decide that in spite of her so-called criminal record, she should stand for parliament." he said. "we must accept that."

BOSNIA: Butros Ghali Says 'No

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tioned in Bosnia and Croatia. The British international mediator. Lord David Owen, warned that the situation was extremely serious. He said that one of the nations most committed to UN peacekeeping operations, Canada, was "seriously contemplating its withdrawal."

The British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, is going to Bosnia on Friday to consult with com-manders of the British contingent based in Vitez about how its withdrawal could be safely executed,

according to British press reports. The latest round of negotiadons here failed to make any headway over the proposed boundaries and territories of three ethnically based republies that would leave the Bos-nian government with 33.3 percent of the country to establish a Muslim-dominated one.

The only new development at the talks was an agreement between Croatia and Serbia, whose war in 1991 led to the dissolution of the former Yugoslavia and the out-break of the Bosnian conflict, to open "official representation" offices in each other's capitals start-

ing Feb. 15. care aft The accord, signed by the two signed.

countries' foreign ministers in the presence of President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, appeared to be a first step toward eventual reciprocal diplomatic recognition.

It will also likely lead to an immediate Croat-Serb military alliance against the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

Mr. Milosevic and Mr. Tudjman. who have often discussed their own plans for the partition of Bosnia in their mutual favor, have oow found another reason for closer cooperation. This is their common interest in containing the Muslim-led Bosnian Army that has recently made military gainsd against both Bosni-an Serb and Croat forces,

Both Mr. Milosevic and the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, blamed the Bosnian delegation for the latest failure of the talks to make any progress. They charged that it had rejected the Serb partition map giving the Muslims 33.56 percent of the country as well as a proposal that outstanding land disputes be left to an international arbitration commission to adjudicate after a peace accord has been

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Next: Swiss Prisons In Latin America?

Mayor Victor Gahwiler, 45. of the Swiss town of Uetikon. thinks be has come up with a cheaper and better way for Switzerland to house foreign criminals. He proposes building a Swiss prison in a Latin American country. Mr. Gähwiler notes that Swiss penitenuaries oow house 250 Latin American inmates, mostly thieves and drug dealers; this is up from 60 nine years ago. He says that the cost of con-

struction in a Latin country (he has Costa Rica in mind; would be just a fourth what it would be in Switzerland, and operat-ing costs would be about one-third. Mr. Gähwiler, who heads a vocational education program for Zurich canton, contends that prisoners would have the advantages of a Swiss-administered prisoo while living in familiar linguistic and cultural

surroundings.
The prisoo would have extraterritorial status, like an embassy, but only the top four offi-cials would be Swiss; about 250 jobs would be created for locals. The money invested in the facility would thus constitute a form of development aid. Mr. Gahwiler's superiors, ac-

cording to the German weekly Focus, like the idea. But critics say it sounds too much like the deportation of uodesirables in a way that might be seen as insulting to the receiving country.

Around Europe To dramatize women's underrepresentation in Portuguese decision-making bodies, three members of the European

Parliament have organized a sort of ideal legislature, the Parlamento Paritario, whose memhers - half of them men, half women - will hold a single ooe-day session late next month. The organizers hope to bring together every woman who has served in the Lisbon parliament or the European Parliament in the past 20 years. about 200 in all. The main topic oo the agenda; how to increase women's participation io poli-

"Partial" early retirement is gaining popularity in France. The program, initiated in the

early 80s, allows workers aged 55 or older to draw 80 percent of their former pay while working half-time. Last year the number of people taking part rose 16 percent, from an admit-tedly low 4,000 in 1992. But some hig companies have jumped in with both feet: 10 percent of the employees at Pechiney, the aluminum maker. are taking part. So far. says Libcration of Paris, everyone seems pleased: the government, which pays 30 percent of the worker's former salary (less than for normal early retirements, the workers, who gain free time, the companies, which get udded flexibility, and the young peo-ple hired to make up for lost hours.

Researchers say British chil-dren have grown so slothful as to endanger their health. Comparing the diets of similar groups of children from the 1930s and today, a Glasgow University professor. John Durnin, found that fessor, John Durmin, found unat-caloric intake among teenage girls had dropped from 2,640 a day, at a time before television and computer games, to 1,880 today; boys intakes dropped by a bit less. Mr. Durnin said that a decline in exercise was that a decline in exercise was the only possible explanation for the drop in food consumptioo. Children with such seden tary life-styles are considered more likely to suffer from obesity and heart disease later.

So what is the Swedish Peo-ple's Party doing running a can-didate in the Finnish presidential elections - and what is that candidate. Defense Mioister Elisabeth Rehn, doing garner-ing 22 percent of the vote? Well. obviously her personal popular-ity had much to do with it -Finland's Swedish minority totals just 300,000, a mere 6 percent of the country's population. Many of these people are descendants of the ruling class in the centuries when Finland was a province of the Swedish kingdom. Once the language of the government and the elite. Swedish remains an official language — the sole official lan-guage in Finland's Aland Is-lands, Meanwhile, Mrs, Rehn. who was considered a voice of change in a country suffering from 25 percent unemployment is thought to have an excellent chance in the second round of elections, on Feb. a.

Brian Knowlton

David Owen, the European Union mediator, center, meeting Wednesday with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, left, and Radovan Karadzic, leader of Bosnia's Serbs, in Geneva. No accord was reached on Bosnia, but the parties agreed to more talks Feb. 10.

DAMAGE: When the Final Quake Bill Comes In, It Could Be \$30 Billion Power said about 40,000 people were without the system and to determine the full extent of

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that could create additional safety and traffic

problems.

The Federal Highway Administration approved \$3.4 million in aid to pay for the clean-up, and more money is expected in coming up, and more money is expected in coming months. The government can supply up to 100 percent of the cost of the work and is expected to pick up about 90 percent of the cost of

rebuilding.
Once debris is gone, Mr. Synder said highway engineers would begin designing repairs.
Both removal of debris and design are expected to take several weeks.

Mr. Peña said that for at least six months, damage to the area's freeways would require large numbers of resideous to rely on public transportation. "They have to be emotionally prepared for that," he said.

Despite round-the-clock efforts to repair sweeping damage to the city's water and electric power utilities, the Department of Water and

water and 80,000 people had no electricity. Most of the residents without water and power are in the San Fernando Valley, where the quake was centered.

because the quake was centered close to a generator and several substations. Officials hoped to restored power to all residents by Wednesday night, bypassing the damaged sta-tions, which might take a year to repair.

Water service was disrupted by breaks in four city trunk lines, two squeducts, dozens of water mains, storage tanks and filtration plants. The destruction has overwhelmed the depart-

To my knowledge, we have oot encountered such massive repairs before, "said Dorothy Jen-sen of the water and power agency. "We simply don't know when services will be restored."

temporary repairs to have water flow through

the damage.

Officials said that although exact numbers were not available, they believed bundreds to thousands of homes sustained such damage mated that about 4,000 people were staying in shelters.

The state insurance commissioner, John Garamendi, said the damaged bomes would have to be "coodemned, to be replaced or rebuilt."

"It's very bad. What you see on television is only a small part of the problem." He said about 40 percent of homeowners bave earthquake iosurance. Residents without insurance will rebuild out of their resources or

apply for grants under state loan programs or the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal agency, which is coordinating relief efforts, announced that it expected to She said the agency was trying to make start writing disaster relief checks later this

SCANDAL: Did the Public Ever Really Care About Iran-Contra Affair?

Thomas G. Clines, was convicted not for flouting the constitution but for cheating on his

One reason that miscreants were turned into

suggested that it was time for the country to move out of the postwar era and take its place as normal member of the community of nations.

Critics said that Mr. Heit-

mann was implicitly dismissing the enormity of crimes by the Nazis, or at the very least sug-gesting that they be consigned to history books. Even some leading figures in the Christian Democratic Union, to which both Mr. Kohl and Mr. Heitmann belong, began calling for him to abandon his candidacy.

bere, Mr. Heitmann mused about what he had drawn from The chancellor finally achis brief career as a presidential candidate. He said he was not knowledged that he had no alternative. When he rejuctantly embittered by the ordeal, but acknowledged that be bad decided to drop Mr. Heitmann at the end of November, Mr. learned what he described as Kohl asserted that the candida-"We thought it was now li-nally possible to speak freely, but that was an illusion," Mr. cy had been undermined by politicians and commentators in Western Germany who were uncomfortable with the idea of Heirmann said. There are rules an Easterner as president. about what can and cannot be said, and although these rules are not written down or even

Mr. Heitmann said: "At times, I was intentionally misunderstood. For example, I never said I was against European unity. There is no alternative to Europe. But we have to take it step by step. "Some people were also very

He added: "I see a great dif-ference between what you upset with my views about Germany's relationship to its past. I believe that 1989-90 was a turnwould call political correctness and what people really think ing point in history as impor-The gap is growing, and I find that disturbing and dangerous." tant or more important than the end of World War IL One of the His first misstep was to sug-gest that society would be more things that changed then was Germany's position as a kind of stable if women devoted more special country, one whose past time to caring for their children. means that it had to be judged This was immediately interpreted as an attack on women's by different standards.

"We are still trying to hide behind that idea. We say that rights, and it led to a rash of attacks depicting the 59-yearold Heitmann, who has two we can't be fully involved in the grown children and is married world, that we can't join opera-to an artist, as a social reaction- tions in places like Yugoslavia or Kuwait, that others should "I never said women should get their hands dirty while we stay at home," Mr. Heitmann art back and write checks. I recalled, "I know what life is don't agree with that."

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martyrs in the public eye was that Mr. Walsh's investigation sometimes seemed mismanaged. At one point, an assistant lost a satchel of

At one point, an assistant lost a sauche of classified documents when be checked the bag at Los Angeles International Airport.

At another point, Mr. Waish indicted Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger for, among other things, hiding his personal diaries from the investigators. The diaries were in unclassified files that Mr. Weinberger had given to the Library of Congress after be left the

But even Mr. Walsh's stumbling cannot mask the fact that the courses followed in Iran and Nicaragua in the mid-1980s not only violated what the Reagan administration stated publicly was the government's policy, but also were The clandestine sale of weapons to Iran

turned out to be a disaster. Three hostages were released as a result of the arms deals, but others were taken in their place. Relations with Iran they could get away with testifying before Con-

As Mr. Walsh observed, Mr. Reagan and President George Bush, then vice president. knew of the sales and raised no objections.

The policy of secretly raising money for and

assisting the rebels in Nicaragua was clearly a violation of the spirit if not the letter of the law, and it abridged Congress's constitutional pow-

er of the purse.

So why did the public never get exercised?

Former Senator Warren B. Rudman of New Hampshire, who was the top Republican oo the Senate committee that investigated the case, said he thought the public had become so warped by television fiction that people did not have the patience to grasp a serious constitutional violation.

But the problem may run deeper than that. The U.S. political system may not be designed to cope when a popular administration has run off course and impeachment is out of the ques-

Watergate was exceptional. It broke at the beginning of Richard Nixoo's second term. The president's top advisers had the bubris to think

gress without first getting immunity from pros-ecution. Tape-recorded conversations disclosed that the president himself had broken the law. So the system worked, Mr. Nixon resigned rather than face an impeachment trial. And many of his top advisers went to prison.

When Iran-contra developed Mr. Reagan was a short-timer, in the third year of his second term. One reason impeachment was never even considered was that the proceedings could not possibly have been completed before he was out

Then, Mr. North, Mr. Poindexter and others refused to testify before Congress unless they received grants of immunity. For all intents and purposes, that meant they could never be suc-cessfully prosecuted; indeed, their coovictions were overturned on appeal because of the immunity grants.

Finally, Mr. Reagan's claim that be was oblivious to what was swirling around him was never disproved. As long as the president was not accused of high crimes and misdemeanors. the public was not much interested.

FLEET: Moscow Is Selling 40 Old Attack Submarines to North Koreans

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were reports last year that a group of Russian military engineers had been hired by North Korea to improve their ballistic missiles, but they were stopped in Moscow just before their plane left for Pyongyang.

The constant stream of transactions undergons beautifully in routed by the constant stream.

score how difficult it would be to enact workable sanctions against North Korea, the route the United States has threatened if the current talks to open the North's nuclear sites fall through. Japanese officials said it would be particularly difficult to stop transactions from Japan, where Korean-Japanese supply anywhere from \$600 million to \$2 billion a year to for business. For two years, he said, he has been

Pyongyang.
It is unclear why a Japanese trading company
in the deal, but played the intermediary role in the deal, but some Japanese officials suggested that for political reasons, Russia did not want to seem to be directly engaging the North. Another suggested that the Japanese were brought in to guarantee that the Russians would be paid, even if North Korea, which has defaulted on many of its international debts, failed to come up with the

Mr. Shibata, speaking in Japanese, said he traveled to North Korez about 10 times a year

buying old locomotives in Russia that could be cut up in North Korea for scrap metal. "Recently it has been more difficult to obtain those," he said, "so we are shifting to subma-

rines and warships."

He said that the first submarine was shipped to North Korea in October, and that nine more have gone since.
He said that on one recent trip he saw at least

one submarine being dismantled at Najin. "The equipment was run down; I'm oot even sure the screw could turn." he said, referring to

RUSSIA: Stalemate on Shape of Government Fuels Panic Over Currency

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set of ultimatums for his participation in the government, which were easy for an offended Mr. Chernomyrdin to reject, Mr. Fyodorov on Wednesday opened the possibility of a compro-

So long as he could keep his status as a deputy prime minister as well as finance minis-ter, he suggested in an interview with Interfax. he would remain in the government "unless policy changes so much that this would mean Mr. Fyodorov seemed to bave dropped his

yokha remains But having presented Mr. Yeltsin and Mr.

Chernomyrdin the stark choice - Mr. Gerashchenko or him - and then backing down. Mr. Fyodorov's position will be weakened even if he finally does become a member of the new government as a deputy prime minister.

former who broke with Mr. Gaidar, will get the linsky said.

Interfax said that Privatization Minister Anatoli B. Chubais, Mr. Zaveryukha and Yuri F. Yarov, who is in charge of social issues, would remain deputy prime ministers. But the report

other reform economist, Grigori A. Yavlinsky,

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insistence that Mr. Gerashchenko be replaced Economics Ministry vacated by Mr. Gaidar. at the central bank, though his demand not to be outranked by a socialist Chemomyrdin ally unlikely to survive a departure of Mr. Fyo-After first setting an arguably ungrantable in charge of agriculture, Alexander K. Zaver-

According to Interfax, which quotes a Cherocomyrdin spokesman, Oleg Soxkovets will be appointed the single first deputy prime minismyrdin would resign in a deepening economic

ter, and Alexander Shokhin, a moderate re- crisis that would break this spring, Mr. Yav-

incomplete, holding out the possibility Mr. Fyodorov will be added. Meanwhile, in an extraordinary gesture, antold reporters he was prepared to form a gov-

said the list of deputy prime ministers was

So Inman Wasn't the Man

Everybody knows that there is a lot of public and journalistic pressure brought to bear on people who choose to go into American public life these days. More questions are asked, more secrets unearthed. Nobody, we venture to guess, inquired whether Melvin Laird had paid his domestic help's Social Security tax. Although the higher standards that prospective nominees must meet and the more complete investigations that they must face are in general justified, it is also true that in some instances the field of inquiry into their qualifications and credentials has been expanded to the point of assault on both the privacy and the dignity of the nominee. Evervone knows that, too.

We do not think that the latter is what happened to Bobby Inman, bowever, despite Mr. Inman's own furious accounting on Tuesday of the criticisms and affronts that prompted him to withdraw his name as nominee for secretary of defense. We think that the brief episode of his nomination from start to close has revealed that he is not the right man for this rough-and-tumble job.

Mr. Inman's case has been, well, distinctive from the day he stepped forward in the Rose Garden to accept President Bill Clinton's nomination of him as secretary of defense. His very introduction of and his dwelling upon the subject of his own "comfort level" in fact suggested the presence of the opposite: a residual level of discomfort with joining up. He spoke not, as nominees usualy do, of his pleasure at being selected, his determination to do the job, his hope to justify the confidence of the man appointing him, and so on, but rather seemed preoccupied with the intricacies of his own feelings and attitudes about accepting the offer at all. Thus focused on his own goodwill in taking the job, he was naturally astonished and stung when the criticism began.

His remarks on Tuesday seemed to suggest that he considered this illegitimate. Some of the columnists he cited did write very critically about him. But he did not answer the criticism until Tuesday, when he suggested variously that it was McCarthyite, superpowerful, unfair and disbonest in intent. He even spoke of some sort of sinister pact between Senator Bob Dote and the New York Times columnist William Safire to get him.

We expect that Mr. Safire, to whose attacks Mr. tnman gave central place in his account of his decision to withdraw, has plenty to say in response to Mr. 1nman's counterattack. Likewise. Ellen Goodman and Anthony Lewis will respond ably for themselves. We do not consider any of these columnists guilty of transgressing the proper bounds of column writing. We do know that Mr. Inman is dead wrong to suggest that somehow the power of columnists is such that all must be frightened of responding to their barbs. From where we sit watching over letters and columns of both reply and counterattack, not to mention news accounts, it does not seem to us that columnists enjoy this strange immunity at all.

We said when he was nominated that Mr. Inman bad been a valuable public servant and an extremely intelligent one and had done some excellent things in his career. But the brief saga of his nomination to Defense, starting with that comfort-level speech, has been different. We're glad it's over. Mr. Inman did right in deciding that be was not the right person to run the Pentagon. Mr. Clinton. however embarrassed and irritated he may be by this turn, can be relieved that be learned this extra bit about Mr. Inman before rather than after he took the job.

By the way, will someone please remind us what was so wrong with Les Aspin?

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Summing Up Iran-Contra

Former President Ronald Reagan calls it "an encyclopedia of old information." His vice president and successor. George Bush, says it "offers nothing new." In large part they are correct; the final report of the Iran-contra scandal produced by Lawrence Walsh, the independent investigator, consists largely of information that the public has already absorbed. Still, the report is an irivaluable summary of a scandalous chapter in the long history of official misbehavior, ft reaffirms, further, the wisdom of appointing a special prosecutor to investigate activity that the government itself cannot examine

without crippling bias. The public already knew, for example, that before a court-appointed prosecutor was sought. Attorney General Edwin Meese's shoddy investigation let some White House culprits destroy evidence. But Mr. Walsh now persuasively shows that Mr. Meese conducted more of a damage-control exercise than an effort to find the facts." He lays out his case in solid detail that is not adequately answered in

Mr. Meese's written response.
The public already knew that Ronald Reagan broadly encouraged clandestine efforts to rescue American bostages by selling arms to Iran, the proceeds of which were diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels. We knew further that Mr. Reagan's foggy memory saved him from being nailed with intentional violations of the law. We have also learned that George Bush, while not a commandant of the contra support, was surely not "out of the loop"

about the hostage efforts. We have also come to accept Mr. Walsh's central thesis: President Reagan's indifference to the laws "created a climate in which some of the government officers assigned to

circumvent such laws," while others combined to cover up the misdeeds. Both enterprises were secret betrayals of publicly declared policies. Some of the deceptions were criminal, but the central conspiracy perceived by Mr. Walsh - to hide the truth from legitimate inquiries by Congress - never reached a criminal court verdict.

Experts disagree over whether he was wise to attempt prosecution of the broad deception. But Mr. Walsh argues reasonably that the major obstacles were the White House and Congress. The Bush administration refused to release important classified evidence, and congressional investigating committees effectively immunized the major operatives. Oliver North and John Poindexter, against Mr. Walsb's use of incriminating testimony extracted during congressional hearings.

Mr. Walsh's 566-page history, and the 1,150-page volume of replies by those he criticizes, fully vindicate the law's requirement for a full report of his investigation. The independent counsel act has expired, but the Senate has passed a bill reviving it, and the House may act soon. The report's generally temperate tone belies Senator Bob Dole's prediction that Mr. Walsh would abuse his power, as well as the enator's argument that the new independent counsel law must curtail the reporting power.

Mr. Walsh, a former Wall Street lawyer and udge appointed to the bench by President Dwight Eisenhower, is no radical, despite the rantings of his targets. He has delivered a cogent report of a long, expensive, imperfect but necessary investigation. He has earned the nation's gratitude for his efforts and for his

informative history of those efforts. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

From Syria Just a Hint

In his Geneva meeting with Syria's leader. Hafez Assad. Bill Clinton assumed the role of a matchmaker between two wary suitors. President Clinton teased some important words from the implacable Syrian. President Assad finally said out loud that there could be a new era in which "normal peaceful relations among all shall dawn anew." A welcome signal perhaps, but a long way from the assurances that Israel seeks.

Syria wants Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights, which Israel seized in 1967 and subsequently annexed. But Israel's asking price for considering a withdrawal is a Syrian commitment to total peace, meaning full diplomatic relations and open frontiers. Negotiations have foundered for two years on a shared unwillingness to spell out the details. and on Syria's insistence on settling all Arab-Israeli differences.

Nevertheless, Mr. Assad's public remarks about "normal peaceful relations" mark a change worth exploring in the peace talks due to resume in Washington. One may reasonably assume that the Syrian president was less Delphic during his five hours of private dis-cussions with Mr. Clinton, which also dealt with Syria's appalling abuses of human rights and its persistent support for terrorism. Yet experience cautions would-be match-

makers against expecting too much from Mr.

Assad. No Arah leader has taken a harder line against Israel. Only last September be restated his message: "The enemy is still the enemy, and the mediator available (the United States) is not our ally but the friend of the enemy. Wholly in character, Syrians spitefully barred Israeli journalists from the Clinton-Assad news conference in Geneva.

For hard reasons, including the disappearance of his old Soviet patron, Mr. Assad now talks of a "peace of the strong" with Israel. Yet overcoming decades of enmity will take more than ambiguous words from a graving and often untrustworthy adversary. Israelis remember when Syrian guns fired on them from the Gotan, and Israeli settlements on those heights are allied to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labor Party.

This does not preclude a peace agreement, but suggests its political and visceral difficulty for Israelis. Mr. Rabin now talks of submitting any pact with Syria to a referendum, which might be good politics but complicates tsraeti diptomacy.

Because Syria hulds the key to a durable

Middle East settlement, the prize is worth persistent effort, and it can be attained only with American participation. But wresting a few grudging words from Mr. Assad at Geneva is just the first, halting step.

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al superiority over the white man: we shall watch as time destroys his paper castles and know that all these little pranks were but the frantic attempts of frightened little people to convince each other that they can control the minds and bodies of indigenous peoples of

Africa indefinitely." Steve Biko spoke those words in 1971, when the white reign of terror in South Africa was at its apogee five years before his martyrdom at

Blacks' first step has to be to halt the violence that is destroying the black townships.

the hands of the South African police. His prediction that black pow-er would soon overwhelm white tyranny was heresy for the time. His view of the black South African's moral superiority over the white

went completely unquestioned. History has reversed the equauon. Today Mr. Biko's political judgment has been vindicated. But the claim to moral superiority for

open to question and is likely to

change the way Americans look at South Africa and in some aspects perhaps the way they look at parts of American society as well.

Despite their vast differences, America and South Africa have always had significant cross-references for each other. That continues to be true today, as black-on-black violence becomes in differing ways an important and explosive issue for both countries.

From their own history. Americans could understand the meaning of Mr. Biko's words. Black South Africa established its moral superiority through its suffering. While the white minority maintained its monopoly on organized violence, that could not change or be disputed. But Pretoria gradually discovered what the American South had learned three decades earlier. Power exercised on the basis of prejudice and racism usually devalues itself.

Political and economic pressures have forced the white minority in South Africa to surrender its monopoly on power and organized violence. In one of history's most stunning and positive reversals, the whites have accepted peaceful negotiations for a new constitution and free elections in April as the instruments of change for the Beloved Country.

volution has been horrendous blackon-black maybem that involves a new kind of political motivation and consequence for black society there. Blacks remain the principal victims of South Africa's violence.

But on the world's television screens and front pages blacks have become the principal perpetrators of vio-lence as well. Each wave of mass violence in the townships strips away another layer of the moral superiority that black South Africans had long enjoyed as a group right.

The white power structure bears heavy responsibility. Tribal and oth-

er social animosities were stirred to the boiling point by apartheid. And there can be no doubt that apartheid ideologues in the secret police network and elsewhere in or out of government continue to stir township violence whenever they can. It would be more comfortable in me ways to believe that this kill-

ing and destruction have been orga-

nized entirely by white fanatics op-

posed to giving up power, as I hear some American white liberals argue. For one thing it would leave the old assumptions about good and evil in South Africa undisturbed.

But the scale and ferocity of the violence makes that highly improba-ble. A brutal power struggle among

black factions vying for control of post-apartheid South Africa is probably the dominant force in the rampant black-on-black maybem.

Like Rabbits

In the Serbs'

Gun Sights

By Julie Mertus

N EW YORK — "We feel like rabhits," the villager said. "Ev-

ery night the Serbs stand at the edge of the road and shoot at us. They raid

our village, beat us and tell us they'll kill us if we remain." Bosnia? No.

Kosovo - the Serbian province

where ethnic Albanians outnumber

ethnic Serbs by 9 to 1. The explosion

predicted for the Kosovan time-bomb is now happening but neither

journalisis nor buman rights moni-

International burnan rights groups

have had an increasingly difficult

time getting into Kosovo. Serbian of-ficials rejected the efforts of the spe-cial rapporteur for the UN Human

Rights Commission to establish an

office in Yugoslavia. Last summer, Serbia expelled monitors of the Con-

ference for Security and Cooperation in Europe from Kosovo. It denied visss to other UN personnel and to

And no wonder. The forced dis-lacement of Albanians has begun.

Last summer, in at least four villages

in northern Kosovo, heavily armed

police squadrons invaded houses,

conducted unwarranted searches (os-

tensibly for weapons), and beat and

This new campaign aims to frighten villagers into leaving their homes. One

man from the village of Chabra testified. "The police told us to go to Albania, or else they would kill us."

Another man, from the village of Bis-trica, said. 'The police said: 'Look, we just beat you. When the [paramilitary]

army comes, they will kill you."

The "fiscal police," who are in

charge of deeds and land, add to the pressure on border villages. In Sep-tember, they began demanding that Albanians present proof of land own-

ership. Authorities reject the deeds

that ethnic Albanian villagers pro-

duce and order them to vacate their

Attempts to drive Albanians away

from the "ethnic border" demon-

strate Serbia's desire to consolidate

In particular, Serbian police have

its power base in Kosovo and, possi-

stepped up detention and arrests of

Albanians with former Yugoslav mil-

itary experience. By charging these

men with conspiring to overthrow Yugoslavia, police not only spread

fear that Albanians are planning an

armed revolution, they immobilize

precisely those Albanians with the

knowledge and skills necessary to ac-

Not only the police but the army and the paramilitary troops have

been harassing Albanian civilians

with increasing frequency.
In September, for example, two
Yugoslav soldiers opened fire with-

out warning on two young Albanian

men near the unmarked border with

Macedonia, killing one and seriously wounding the other. Paramilitary

forces have been parading through-

out Kosovo, preaching hatred of Al-

times, villagers report, paramilitary forces work with the regular police. Meanwhile, the economic status of

Albanians continues to decfine.

Many Albanian families are only able

to subsist through contributions sent

by relatives abroad. Most Albanian

children continue to be schooled in

private homes, and most Albanian

doctors, having been laid off en mas-

se two years ago, practice medicine in store-front operations run on shoe-

Police still routinely hold Albanians

for more than a week without charges.

without notifying their families or al-

lowing them counsel. Brutal beatings

and inhumane torture remain stan-

dard practice during interrogations.

The head of the highest court in Ko-sovo said bluntly, "When an Albanian is accused of violating the territorial

integrity of Yugoslavia, we can beat

The time has never been better for

the world to demand an end to human

rights abuses in Kosovo. Sanctions have started to sap the quality of life in

Belgrade, and popular discontent is growing. The United Nations should

immediately attempt to reinstate a

long-term human rights mission in

Kosovo. If Serbia rejects the mission again, the UN Security Council can

effectively retaliate by linking the re-

them and even kill them."

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tors are there to hear it.

Amnesty International.

As whites surrender their monopoly on power, blacks yield a monopoly on victimization and the influence that it exerts. It is a trade that other national victims, such as Bosnia's Muslims or Iraq's Kurds, would gladly make. And it is one with which black Americans have been

coming to terms for some time.

When Jesse Jackson spoke recently of his fears of walking ghetto streets and the automatic link that many Americans now make between crime and race, he showed how far America bas come from its own civil rights revolution and the moral assumptions about race that it involved. That of course is the point about ending segregation and apartheid: There is no automatic superiority, or inferiority, to be asned on the basis of race alone.

South African blacks will soon control their country. Their first step has to be to halt the violence that is destroying the black townships and now beginning to claim white lives in isolated instances. Only then can they hope to renew the claim to a particular moral position in a society that under white rule was wracked by state-directed violence and terror for

much of this century. The Washington Post.

Shouting at One Another in Lieu of Useful Debate

By William Pfaff

PARIS — An article by Deborah Tannen of Georgetown University (IHT Opinion, Jan. 18) makes an important comment on the loss of civility in much American debate today. She says that journalists, politicians and academics increasingly have substituted destructive confrontations for the kind of constructive argument that can

clarify the way people think, She does not go into why this bas occurred, but there seem to me not only ideological and political reasons but commercial ones. Commercial, in that confrontation is dramatic and emotionally engaging in a way that constructive argument is not. Both television and press are driven by intense commercial considerations today, and by the competition for audiences, and this influences debate even in

what are supposed to be the noncommercial media. I experienced this on national public television a few years ago. I had published a book on international politics which was made the subject of a Public Broadcasting Service discussion, I was asked to suggest panelists and proposed several people whom I did not expect to agree with what I had written but who would, I thought, have inter-

esting things to say on the subjects of my book.

Arriving for the program, f found myself facing an unreconstructed radical from the 1960s, convinced that if only politicians and governments would get out of the way of The People, the latter would spontaneously make peace and democracy work all around the world, and a former Trotskyist turned neoconservative who believed quite the opposite. The two of them enthusiastically went at one another in a debate that had virtually nothing to do with my book, and which could have taken place at any time in the preceding 20 years.

Why had they been invited? As far as I could see it

was because this kind of simple-minded left-right ideological confrontation was thought the only form of political discussion that people would watch, even on public television. Possibly this is true. But if it is true, it is not only evidence of Deborah Tannen's case, that attack and counterattack are taking the place of constructive argument, but is a sign of national intellectual impoverishment.

Certainly her observation is true for much jour nalism today. This problem goes back to the 1960s when the old sense of collaborative national purpose disappeared from the relations of press and president. Dating at least from the war, and strengthened by the sense of continuing world crisis and totalitarian challenge of the 1950s, journalists took for granted a relationship of mutual confidence between officials and press.

The crises of Vietnam and Watergate, when the government deceived or manipulated the press while an important part of the press set itself against the government's policies, ended that rela-tionship. What followed was a justified glorification of investigative journalism, but also the emergence of a new "killer" spirit in journalism, by which unmasking not only official lies but also the lies in politicians' private lives became a route to journalistic reputation and advancement.

This ordinarily has not been ideological. The Washington press is reputedly liberal, but Bill Clinton has had a far rougher ride in his first year. than either Ronald Reagan or George Bush. The bostility has been opportunistic, and there is

also a social factor at work. Journalism until the 1960s was not a particularly glamorous trade, and reporters certainly did not consider themselves power players in Washington. They do now - and

they are, and are treated as such. This has not been particularly healthy for journalism or for government. It is partly responsible for the fact that policy now is made chiefly in terms of its reception by television and the press.

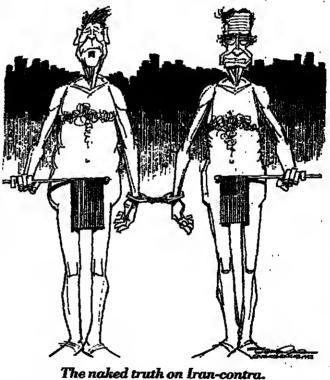
Ideological confrontation and killer journalism both are essentially sterile, caricaturing reality. The only useful debates are those that start out with a clear agreement on what the argument is about, and in which the opponent's arguments and person are paid respect. The agreement on what the argument is about can be called second order agreement. (First order agreement is agreement itself - a lack of argument.)

To obtain second order agreement, L for example, have to be able to explain to a third party what my opponent's position is on the subject of our disagreement. He has to agree that I have more or less accurately set out where he stands, and he must then explain to that third party where I stand, in terms that I find acceptable.

Once we have done that, we can have a serious

and constructive argument. Without this second order agreement we are merely arguing over the terms of our disagreement - or, worse, we are substituting for debate an attempt to destroy the standing or reputation of the person who disagrees with us. That way lies the destruction of civil society: and Americans already have taken: several steps down the road.

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Has Worrying Lessons

By Peter Kornbluh and Malcolm Byrne

The Iran-Contra Report

WASHINGTON — Since the Iran-contra scandal broke in November 1986, those involved at Walsh report notes that "North was found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of serious criminal offenses." the highest levels of government have attempted to conceal their roles and obstruct the official investigations, to the point of trying in recent weeks to suppress independent prosecutor Lawrence Walsb's final report itself. Fortunately, they did not succeed— and Mr. Walsh's report, finally re-leased on Tuesday, makes clear that

they did indeed bave much to hide. Once and for all the Walsh report dispels the carefully cultivated mythology surrounding the scandal, which involved illegal sales of arms to Iran, diversion of funds from these sales to finance the Nicara-

Bush was fully aware of the Iran arms sales' and 'participated fully in discussions to obtain third-country funding for the contras."

guan contras and a cover-up to conceal the entire affair.

The report is not just a belated history lesson. It sheds light on serious flaws in the American system of government accountability, which allowed a constitutional crisis to occur and which remain unresolved.

The report notes, in particular, the inadequacy of the 1987 congressional investigation, in which Congress accepted the explanation of a "runaway conspiracy of subordinate officers and avoided the unpleasant confrontation with a powerful president." The report sets the record straight

on the major players in the scandal.

On Runald Reugan: The report contradicts the popular image of a disengaged president misled by those around him. Mr. Walsh's investigators conclude that Mr. Reagan "creared the conditions which made possible the crimes committed by others in his administration," and "permitted the creation of a false account of the Iran arms sales to be disseminated to members of Congress and the American people,"

On George Bush: Contrary to his pronouncements, the report says, Vice President Bush "was fully aware of the Iran arms sales" and "participated fully in discussions to obtain thirdcountry funding for the contras." On Oliver North: The report re-

cords a pattern of illicit activity from destruction of evidence to perjury to personal graft. While Mr. North claims to have been exonerated when his convictions were overturned, the the 1985 arms sales [to Iran], which they believed were illegal, in order to protect the president." The report shows that the diversion of funds from the Iran arms sales to the contras was itself a diversion - an attempt, largely successful, by the Reagan administration to spin public attention away

On Edwin Meese: The report iden-

tifies the former attorney general as

having spearheaded a cover-up of the lran arms sales. Mr. Meese and for-

mer National Security Adviser John

Poindexter, the report states, "at-

tempted to create a false account of

from the act of selling arms to Iran. potential grounds for impeachment.
On Tuesday, Mr. Reagan called the report "an encyclopedia of old information, unwarranted conclusions and irresponsible speculation." Predictably, the former president and other crities charge Mr. Walsh with everything from conducting a political vendetta against Republicans to abusing his office.

Yet over the course of the sevenyear Iran-contra investigation, Mr. Walsh conducted four major prosecutions, including the unprecedented trials of a former national security adviser and a former CIA deputy director. He won four major convic-tions and garnered seven guilty pleas - far more legal victories than any previous independent counsel since the statute was passed in 1978.

Three factors are to blame for the length of the investigation, as well as Mr. Walsh's ultimate inability to bring more of the participants to jus-tice: the sustained efforts by former Reagan administration officials to cover up key evidence; the reckless decision by Congress in 1987 to grant Mr. North and Mr. Poindexter immunity, which led to their convictions being overturned on appeal; and President Bush's decision to thwart one trial through withholding classified documents and prevent two others through a preemptive pardon. 1Mr. Bush also pardoned four for-

mer officials who had been convicted or pleaded guilty. The accusation that Mr. Walsh is using this final report to prosecute in print those he could not convict in the courtroom is equally without merit.

The independent counsel law com-pels Mr. Walsh "to comment" on the "reasons for not prosecuting any matter" within his jurisdiction and to explain why anyone under scrutiny was not prosecuted. If he had refrained from examining whether and how evidence was concealed, he would have rewarded those who successfully covered up their roles in the scandal.

report is clearly "in the public interest," as a federal appeals panel stated earlier this month in unthorizing its release without deletions.

Mr. Walsh's investigation has unearthed some of the most important evidence in this tawdry affair - Vice President Bush's diaries, former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's notebooks, and presidential authorizarions revealing schemes to circum-vent the congressional ban on contra aid, to cite just a few examples,

Perhaps the most important lesson the report teaches is that America's political system of checks and balances is fallible and in urgent need of reform. It reveals the facility with which an imperial president circumvented the most basic constitutional precept that "the purse and the sword must never be in the same hands."

Mr. Walsh's investigation has made plain that, as the historian Theodore Draper observed after the scandal broke, "if ever the constitutional democracy of the United States is overthrown, we now have a better idea how this is likely to be done."

By failing to pass any substantive reforms to prevent future abuses, Congress has clearly failed to acknowledge the weakness of existing legal safeguards. That lesson applies equally to the judicial branch. Mr. Walsh's frustrating experience

in trying to prosecute members of the Reagan administration demonstrates that in cases involving covert operations, the independent counsel is in fact dependent — for the classified information and cooperation necessary to bring his cases to trial - on the very offices he is investigating.

"The fran-contra investigation will

not end the kind of abuse of power that it addressed, any more than the The publication of the Iran-contra

Watergate investigation did," as Mr. Walsh concludes in the final pages of his report. Indeed, until we know that such crimes can no longer be concealed under the cloak of "national security." the final chapter of the sad and telling history of Iran-contra cannot be written.

The writers are co-editors of the National Security Archive's "Iran-Contra Scandal: The Declassified History." They contributed this comment to The New York Times.

moval of sanctions against Serbia to the improvement of human rights in Kosovo. The UN finally has leverage; hopefully it will find a way to use it.

The writer, a New York-based lawver and professor, recently returned from a trip to Kosovo for Human Rights Watch/Helsinki Watch. She contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Revolts in Brazil

RECIFE DE PERNAMBUCO, Brazil - Commercial and private despatches to and from Rio de Janeiro have been suspended and a strong censorship is exercised over cables for Europe and the United States, the state of siege baving been prolonged for another month. New revolts are reported to have occurred within the last week in the Northern States, Bahia is believed to be on the eve of an uprising, and even here in peaceful Recife there is a strong sentiment in favor of the revolutionary movement.

1919: No to Bolshevists

PARIS - The Council of the Russian National and Democratic Coalition has addressed a note to M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressing approval of his negative reply to the suggestion that representatives of the Lenin-Trotzky government should be admitted to the Peace

compromise with Bolshevism would be a capitulation to a worse scourge than German militarism. It con-cludes with the hope that the question has now been definitely settled and that the only voices heard at the Peace Conference will be those of the true Russia, free and democratic.

1944: 'Unneutral' Spain

LONDON - [From our New York edition:) Great Britain has expressed its dissatisfaction with Spain's "un-neutral neutrality" for the second time in less than a week. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the

House of Commons this afternoon [Jan. 19]. Answering a question regarding the government's attitude toward the continued presence of Spanish volunteers in German lines on the Russian front, Eden told the House that he had informed the Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador in London, of the "most serious effect" which this assistance to Britain's enemies Conference. The note declares that a must have on Anglo-Spanish relations.

Values Minus the Partisanship

WASHINGTON - There was good news for the republic this week: Former Education Secretary William J. Bennett's "The Book of Virtues" passed Howard Stern's "Private Parts" on the New York Times best-seller list to become No. 1.

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> Mr. Bennett's book is not an ideological tract or a kiss-and-tell overnment memoir. It is an 800plus-page collection of inspiring stories, fables and poems, along with the occasional speech, aimed primarily at teaching children how to think about right and wrong. Its purpose, says Mr. Bennett, is to help parents in one of their essen-tial tasks: "the training of heart and mind toward the good."

Already: f can hear the loud grouns from liberals weary of the Bill Bennett who often serves the conservative movement as an intellectual bully. It is true that when he goes into full ideological rant, he consensus, cannot content himself with saying get consen that liberals are wrong; he needs to write them off as dumb and willfully blind to common sense:

No doubt it is this Bill Bennett who won the rave blurb on his dust ; jacket from shoutmeister Rush. Limbaugh. But don't let that stop you. The Bennett on display here is a different character, open to the accordingly. "If most people, most possibility that liberals might worry about the country's children as

much as be does. He writes: "We must not permit our disputes over thorny political questions to obscure the obligation we have to offer instruction to all our young people in the area in which we, as a society, have reached consensus; namely on the importance of good character, and on

some of its pervasive particulars." That is precisely right, and it is bard to quibble with the 10 virtues around which he organizes his book: self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, work,

courage, perseverance, honesty, loyalty and faith. Mr. Bennett's inclusive list is a reminder that most of the talk in American political campaigns about "values" has been useless because it has not been about promoting good values at all. It has been aimed at "proving" that one's ad-versaries are immoral slobs. Conservatives love to argue that liberals are permissive, empty-headed, multi-culturalists, Liberals see conservatives as heartless bigots who talk

ing. In the 1992 campaign, conservatives got badly burned in the values wars; most voters suspect that politicians who shout too much about "values" have little to and companies have often fueled offer in the way of practical remothers. This illicit traffic, and many have dies. When Dan Quayle ran into profited until recently. Now, even trouble for taking on Mirphy Brown's decision to have a baby out of wedlock, conservatives learned as responsibility and self-discipline

also like a little compassion.

And liberals have learned that all the new programs in the world will not work if kids live in environments where Mr. Beanett's list of virtues is seen as a joke. When President Bill Clinton ar-

gued in Memphis that individual responsibility was an essential comBy E. J. Dionne Jr.

ponent of social justice, he simply reiterated an old lesson from the civil rights movement. It was Martin Luther King Jr. who linked the individual's duty to embrace the responsibilities of citizenship with the obligation to act in concert with others to vindicate citizenship's rights. He sought to transform

both individuals and society.

Thus, disentangling the "values" debate from partisan politics is now seen as a realistic possibility by people on both sides.

Peter Wehner, director of policy for the conservative group Empower America, argues that his camp needs a new approach.

"If you're seen as taking base political advantage of these things, people resent it," he said. "These are issues where you need political consensus, and you're not going to sus if you create the jagged edges that come from the polit-icization of these issues."

William Galston, one of Mr. Clinton's top domestie policy aides, argues that government cannot change society in the absence of a citizenry that has reached consensus on certain values, and acts of the time, are not acting from the inside out, are not acting out of the wellsprings of their character," he said, "you can't bribe enough, you can'l punish enough" to get them

to do the right thing.

Mr. Bennett is careful in his book to be clear that in preaching the virtues, he is speaking not just to "the underclass" but to every-one. If "values" are simply a club to use against the poor, they are not really values.

Mr. Bennett says as much by praising compassion, which "takes its stand with others in distress" and "takes seriously the reality of other persons, their inner lives, their emotions, as well as their external circumstances." (Rush, did you read that part?) Mr. Bennett also includes challenges to social complacency, such as Martin Luther King's famous letter from a Birmingham jail and Frederick Douglass's searing speech of July 4, 1852, denouncing slavery for making "a sham" of America's cel-

ebration of liberty.

The Bennett of this book, at least, could have some useful conversations with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Clinton. By helping to make virtue-talk less partisan, he might

make politics more virtuous. The Washington Post

those indebted nations whose lead-

ers demand total transparency and

accountability in the micromanage-ment of their national affairs. Why

Churchill Kept His Seat

The editorial "A Politician's Pol-

did not lose his seat. He became

leader of the opposition - which,

naturally, didn't please him at all.

Mr. Leser is correct Churchill

won in 1945 and again in subsequent elections until his resignation from

the House of Commons in 1964.

The Quarantine Lobby

Regarding "Rables and Europe's

The quarantine in Britain exists

Pets" (Letters, Dec. 18) from Caro-

the kennel owners, who make a

mint boarding cats and dogs for six months, the makers of unned pet

food, who have contracts with the

quarantine kennels, and breeders,

tho do not want the competition of, for example, French poodles from the Continent.

Any British vet can affirm that

M.P. HIGHSMITH.

Tegna, Switzerland.

anti-rabies vaccine lasts for a year.

The lobbies don't want to know.

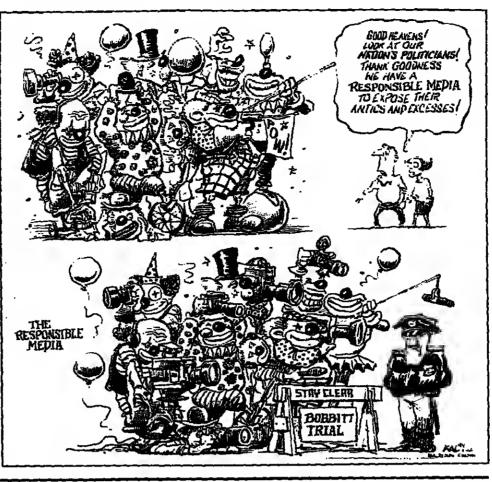
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bad in Africa, or elsewhere?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The African Problem

Regarding "Africa Is Being Left Out" (Opinion, Jan. 4):

This editorial decries Africa's cumulative debt burden, its incessant regional - often tribally focused - wars, its diminishing terms of trade, its endemic attacks of disease and famine. As many comfortable liberal "northern" commentaries often do, the editori al calls for more outside money to help assuage Africa's many mani-fest problems. I suggest that more of Africa's own money beforced to Stay DUL '

According to the latest World Bank survey of the matter, sub-Saharan Africa's proportion of externalized flight capital represents-more than 80 percent of annual gross national product. What flows in through national accounts' front. doors, as in International Monetary Fund/World Bank and other about "good values" just to argue ... inward investments and loans, that poor people have "bad values." 'typically flows out these countries' But the values debate is chang-back doors, in unsustainably large amounts, into the offshore ban accounts of a few members of the

often corrupt ruling clites. Opportunistic "northern" banks

"Southein" contractors do so. Today's bidders often skimp on quality and performance and leave hapless nations with failed projects

and more unserviceable debt.
For serious action to be effective in Africa, the offshore banking industry must be brought under competent supervision and the dis-ciplines of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act must be extended to all trading nations.
Finally, IMF/World Bank debt

mountains should be selectively foreven, over 20 to 30 years, only for

Let us imagine for one ghastly moment that guerrills fighting erupts among French-speaking, English-speaking and Indianspeaking Canadians, which very soon spills over into "ethnic continue to throw good money after cleansing." The United States calls on its European allies for air strikes deep into Canada to keep airports and access roads open. Dare we imagine how the Europe-

ans would answer? It is heartbreaking to see Euroitician" [Jan. 8] contains an error of fact. While Winston Churchill's Conservatives did indeed lose the general election of 1945. Churchill peans expending their energies protecting inefficient markets, or closing them to Eastern Europe, or boasting about their cultural identity - yet shrinking from every possible responsibility on their own continent and begging for some of that American backbone.

The tension of the East-West confrontation has subsided and with it the will to fight relatively minor disturbances. The electoral cost of body bags is too high for weak European democracies. Their lack of purpose and increasingly strident nationalism call for a fun-damental reappraisal of U.S. policies toward the Old Continent.

Brussels. Fast Reflexes Essential

PHILIPPE R. STOCLET.

Regarding "An American at the Wicket, With Time Out for Tea and Sympathy" (Sports, Jan. 4): As a cricketing Yank, 1 thoroughly enjoyed Paul Taylor's description of the nuances and ambience of cricket.

I would add one element to the problems faced by a batsman: speed. Mr. Taylor, who entered the game as a mid-order batsman, was facing spin bowling which be right-

Doing the Continental

ly described as "coming in slowly"
— but trickily, as the bowler relies on flight and deception. The opening batsman, however, faces a ball going over 90 miles (145 kilometers) an hour, cataputted from a distance about equivalent to that from home plate to the mound.

You cope with the curve in the air and then the bite into the turf and a bounce that might go for your head or shoot away from you. The American spectator says nothing happens' because the about facing Nolan Ryan's curve digging into the dirt just three feet in front of you and having to do something with it?!

R ALLEN IRVINE

The Lower Depths

Regarding "Hear This" (Fea-tures, Dec. 12):

The item states that "nearly every Japanese household has a color television, but half aren't hooked up to sewer systems." This must mean that the other half of the TV sets are hooked up to the sewer systems. With the quality of local programming, it is the type of hookup badly needed in France.

J. W. ZIMMERMAN.

A Lady Rhino, Perhaps? Regarding "Women by Pietro

Longhi" (ATL, Dec. 18): Was the picture accompanying the article on the Pietro Longhi exhibition in Venice meant as a joke? Of all the works in this exhibit to use and exemplify how "Pietro Longhi put women center stage as never before in Italian art" I wonder if "Il Rinoceronie" is not a rather insulting selection.

I. T. HAHNENBERGER. Cologne.

Puritan Paranoia Regarding the report "Mrs. Clin-

ton Rejects Stories of Husband's In-fidelity" (Dec. 22): The Romans nearly deified their caesars, despite knowing full

well of their sexual promisculues. The ancient Greeks went further, granting their gods full sexual freedom. Why, for heaven's sake. do Americans today, in an incongruous show of bigotry and shalow puritanism, incur international ridicule by harassing their political leaders in endless sexual witch-hunts - and this in an age of tolerance, common sense and liberation?

IAN VORRES.

Realism of the Right: Reverse Bodice-Ripper

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By George F. Will

W ASHINGTON — The seres. already at daggers drawn about so many things, now have something new to scrap about. It is Michael Crichton's novel "Disclosure," number one this coming weekend on the New York Times best-seller list, with about one million copies already in print and the movie rights sold for \$3.5 million.

lts subject is sexual harassment of an employee by his boss. A woman hoss. Batten down the hatches, Mr. Crichton has sold more than 100 million books worldwide - 30 million in the United States in the last 18 months alone — because his raw material (the adjective is just right)

MEANWHILE

touches anxieties of the age. These include menacing science ("Jurassic Park"), menacing Japanese ("Rising Sun") and now women who are menacing because they are as libidinous as many men are and powerful enough to behave as badly as many men do.

What do you call a steamy novel that is like those novels known as "bodice-rippers." but with the sex roles reversed, a novel in which what gets ripped is a man's shirt? Whatever, Mr. Crichton bas written one, with a political pamphlet embedded in it.

A young executive anticipating even greater glory at a high-tech Seattle corporation. DigiCom, is disappointed when a woman with a high ratio of political skills to technical knowledge gets promoted over him by the corporation's CEO, who is "progressive" about promoting women.

She is not only a former lover of the disappointed executive, but treats subordinate men as sex objects. Her first day in power she summons her former lover to an evening meeting, makes extremely aggressive advances — "He felt dominated, controlled, and at risk" - and when he spurns her and files a sex barassment suit.

she files her own. Here we go again: He says ... she says. Who will be-lieve him? His lawyer, that's who. The lawyer is a woman named Fernandez, which scrambles the calcuhas of political correctness.

She says: "Harassment is a power issue. And power is neither male nor female. Whoever is behind the desk has the opportunity to abuse power
... About 5 percent of sexual harassment claims are brought by men
against women. It's a relatively small figure. But then, only 5 percent of corporate supervisors are women. So

utives harass men in the same proportion as men harass women. Mr. Crichton's premise - that there is no difference between the sexes regarding abuse of power may or may not be true. But it

certainly is a provocation to "vic-

tim feminists." whose premise is that the world would be pretty much perfect if it were scrubbed clean of all vestiges of patnarchy. With so many perfectionist dreams, from Rousseau's to Marx's. thoroughly discredited, it is late in the day for serious people to believe that something straight can be made from the crooked timber of humanity. But there always is a supply of

credulous people, and one of Mr. Crichton's useful purposes in "Disclosure" is to annoy them. So when a young female associate of Ms. Fernandez's says. 1 just can't believe a woman would act that way - so aggressively." Ms. Fernandez replies: Suppose this were a case of conflicting claims about, say, money — about a contract. Would you assume that the man was lying because a woman wouldn't act that way? The associate says of course not. and Ms. Fernandez asks. "So you think women are unpredictable in

their contractual arrangements. but stereotypical in their sexual arrangements?" Mr. Crichton's novels are not deathless literature but they are terrific thermometers for social fevers. "Disclosure" is symptomatic of the fact that many men feel set-upon and eligible for a slice of the status of victim. Hence the broadside de-

livered by a Crichton character against affirmative action: Look: when I started in Digi-Com, there was only one question; Are you good? .. Now ability is only one of the priorities. There's also the question of whether you're the right sex and skin color to fill out the company's HR [hu-man resources] profiles. And if you turn out to be incompetent. we can't fire you. Pretty soon, we

pleachy kind of novel called "so-cialist realism" was all the rage among novelists on the left. But the world turns and today Mr. Crienton has produced a work of what can be called "conservative realism," presenting the world the way many conservatives want readers to see it. "Disclosure" is a better broadside than a novel, but between you, me and the lamp-post, the pamphlet in the novel is a good thing for a few million readers to run into.

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BOOKS

WHAT THEY BE READING

GOING NATIVE

By Stephen Wright. 305 pages. \$22. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

S TEPHEN WRIGHT'S impres-Green, published a decade ago, of-fered a hallnematory vision of the Vietnam War as seen through the eyes of an intelligence adviser turned beroin addict. Wright's second novel, "M31: A Family Romance" (1988), effectively brought the war home, creating a frightening allegory of American life through its portrait of a ghoulish family cult.

The dark side of the American

The dark side of the American dream is Wright's subject once again in his latest book, "Going Nanve," an uncompromising 1990s version of "On the Road" that gives us an alarming picture of a country picted on the edge of an emotional and covint abuse. and social abyss, a country already familiar from tabloid headlines and confessional talk shows, a country in which too many people pack guns and too many people come to vio-lent, unexpected ends.

Composed from a series of tentously linked chapters, each of which reads like a short story, "Going Native" begins with a suspisor-bright portrait of a submban cou-ple caught up in "middling ple caught up in "middling middleness". The Joneses have two young children and a house full of unnew" car that will take him on a

By Alan Truscott

**Wolfgang Petersen, director of "Das Boot" and more recently "In the Line of Fire" is reading "Red Harvest" by Dashiell Hammett. "I want to check it out as a possible film. It's the only Hammett that has not been made into a movie." (Thomas Crampton, LHT)



disorienting odyssey across Ameri-

ca, into the dark territory of lost

As he makes his way westward to the coast, Wylie follows a path that

intersects the lives of a motley group of outlaws, outcasts and outsiders. There's Randy Sawyers, a former

medical student who abandoned

his ambitions for the solitary plea-sures of driving a truck hundreds of

There's Jessie Horn, a dancing

slave girl at a Las Vegas casino who dumps her abusive husband

finds a female lover and takes a job

miles a week on the interstates.

souls and disintegrating values

deep into the heart of darkness. Like the receding American frontier, the road, for Wylie, means

loss of family and self.

televisions. Rho has a susceptibility to "bad thoughts" and scary dreams, a sense of emotional claus-trophobia. Her busband, Wylie, although he spends a lot of time watching "shoot/chase/crash" movies, seems like an "average" sort of guy; there is "nothing im-mediately distinctive" about him, Rho thinks, "no crags or cranmes or funny clumps of hair for words to adhere to."

One night, Rho and Wylie invite their friends Tom and Gern Hanna over for a barbeone. After the nachos and daiguins, after the steaks and potatoes. Wylie excuses him-self from the table. He never re-

turns. And never looks back.

Wylie, it seems, has stolen his

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small-town motel owner, who dreams of writing a hit movie about a woman who falls in love with an alien from outer space. As far as these people are con-cerned, lyrics from heavy-metal

at a mass-market wedding chapel.

And there's Emory Chace, a

rock songs, shootout sequences from movies and lurid scenes from pulp novels all bleed together into the violence they watch every night on the news and witness daily in their lives: the random drive-by shootings; the high-speed, highway crashes, the unforeseen acts of God nature and man.

What's more, many of these peo-ple seem unable or unwilling to dif-ferentiate between dreams and reality, between the movies they have en and the actual lives they lead. Freya, a former pornography star turned sex entrepreneur, makes a lot freedom, independence, the chance to invent himself anew; it also means rootlessness, dislocation, the of money videotaping people's pri-vate lantasies. The Copelands, a wealthy Hollywood couple, journey to the farthest reaches of Borneo m pursuit of a vision of themselves as intrepid adventurers. And Mister CD and his girlfriend, Latitia, find their cocaine-fueled paranoia turn-ing into real-life violence, as their

lives career out of control. lives career out of control.

None of these people have the slightest grip on who they are or what they truly believe. In fact, all of them seem caught in a perpetual state of metamorphosis, shedding old lives and shrugging on new ones with the ease of an actor themping continues for a scene.

changing costumes for a scene.

Wylie, Wright suggests, is perhaps the most extreme example of this protean personality: during his cross-country drive, he assumes identities, crasing his past and his responsibility for his actions as he goes. Change your name, he thinks, and you change your reality."
Using quick, expressionist prose,
Wright narrates Wylie's adventures

-and their violent, shattering consequences - with cool apiomb, as he plunges the reader into a nightmare world of sleazy motels and low-rent casinos, mind-altering drugs and orgies and murder.

The writing is more controlled, more elliptical than in his earlier novels: Not a single detail is wasted here, not a single scene is superflu-ous. The result is a chilling and often brilliant novel, a novel that radiates the dark consuming energy of a black hole.

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nor suit. A rump was led to the trick, since the defense could lead and discards a bost of aliases and oneen and ace, and East returned diamonds and South had no entry. the heart jack. Bob Sartorius, as The result was down one, and 6 Education, Arts and Leisure, Science

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The other winners were David and Lisa Berkowitz of Old Tappan, New Jersey, and Bob and Barbara Sartorius of Lake Hiawatha, New Sartorius of Lake rhawaita, New Jersey. The final was won against a group comprising Rob and Joann Glasson of Pennington, New Jersey, Jay Korobow of Princeton, New Jersey, Steve Williams of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and Carl Berenbaum and Rich Rothwarf, both of Philadelphia.

ARRY COHEN of Little L. Falls, New Jersey, won the declarer, won in dummy with the imps for the Sartorius team-king, went to his hand with a club New Jersey Bridge League's Dou-ble Knockout Team Championto the king and led a spade. He was ship, and had earlier won similar able to draw the missing trump and titles in North Jersey and Westestablish clubs, losing one trick in each suit and making his contract.

In the replay, the first trick was similar, but Cohen as East returned a diamond at the second trick. Berkowitz, West, won and led a o A Q 4 second trump. South guessed right A Q 2 by playing the king and dropping the jack, but then cashed the king and ace of clubs, collecting the

The club jack was led from the dummy, and Berkowitz refused to On the diagramed deal both South players landed in three hearts after a Michaels cue-bid by North promising hearts and a mi-

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A Breakthrough on Tuberculosis The drug appears to bind to the

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

EW YORK - Tuberculosis researchers have made a laboratory discovery that they say paves the way for the development of new and more powerful drugs against the infectious disease, which has become a growing public health threat throughout the world.

As strains of the tubercle bacillus have become resistant to the drugs that bave long. controlled the infection, tuberculosis has once again become a deadly disease to the United States, as well as in less developed countries.

Only a few years ago, the U. S. government set the year 2010 as the date for eliminating niberculosis from the country. But now federal health officials say the disease is out of control in several areas, including New York City. where it has become a major problem in hospi tals and homeless shelters and among people who are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacterium that causes the disease, has become resistant to as many as seven drugs.

The resurgence of tuberculosis has spurred a new wave of research, reported in the journal Science by researchers from New York and

The discovery seems to explain how isoniazid. a key antituberculosis drug, kills the tuber-cle bacillus. Even though isoniazid has been one of the main weapons in the control of tuberculosis since 1952, scientists have never understood how it works.

Doctors prescribe isoniazid to prevent fullfledged disease in people who have recently shown evidence of infection in a tuberculin skin new cases of drug-resistant tuberculosis, experts are no longer certain about its effective-

The new study reports on the discovery of a gene in M. Iuberculosis called inhA. for isonicotinic acid hydrazide. The gene directs the production of an enzyme that the researchers suspect helps chain lipids to each other. They believe isoniazid works by targeting the euzyme and interfering with the lipids to kill the bacte-

One of the main goals is to use the discovery of the gene to find new drugs to overcome the currently drug-resistant strains of suberculosis. As a crucial step in pursuit of that goal, the researchers are in the process of crystallizing the enzyme in the laboratory to see its threedimensional structure.

The researchers also are exploring the possihility of using the crystallized enzyme to develop drugs against a bacterial cousin of tuberculosis known as M. avium. It produces a common problem among people with AIDS that is difficult to treat.

"By identifying the target enzyme, we now have the knowledge we need to overcome resistance to this drug," said Dr. William R. Jacobs Jr., the head of the New York research team a researcher at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. "The idea is that by understanding this protein, the target, we should be able to begin to make drugs that will substitute for isoniazid and be better."

Another dividend of the new findings might be the development of more rapid tests to detect drug-resistant tuberculosis, Dr. Jacobs said. He said his team still had an incomplete picture of precisely how isoniazed kills the tubercle bacillus.

test and to treat the disease. But with the rise of hut it has hypothesized how the microbe might develop resistance to isoniazid. This could occur either through a mutation that blocks isoniazid from binding to it or through the manufacture of large amounts of the enzyme, which would nullify isoniazed's effect. If we understand exactly how isoniazid binds, we should be able to design

drugs that would bind and kill the bacterium. In the research that led to the discovery of the gene, Dr. Jacobs's team began collaborating with Dr. Paul Atkinson, the head of a laboratory in New Zealand. His team's research in Upper Hut. New Zealand, is focused on M.

ovis, an important infection of cattle. Both teams identified a mutation in the inhA ene that produced drug resistance. The researchers used different members of the mycobacterium family. The New York team identified the mutation in M. smegmatis and the New

Zealand group found it in M. bovis. That was strong but only partial proof that they had found the target for isoniazid and that it was the enzyme produced by inhA.

HE next step is to crystallize the enzyme thereby providing a three-dimen-sional picture of the protein. "With that, you can begin to see how the isoniazid actually binds to the molecule and how works," Dr. Jacobs said.

Dr. Jacobs said his team could not undertake such crystallization studies until it had found the target. "Before this we did not know what to crystallize." he said. "Now we know this is the protein we want to do the crystal structure on. Dr. Jacobs also said that he has found hints that inhA might have implications beyond tuber-culosis and he speculated that the discovery might open up the way to make a whole new class of broad-spectrum antibiotics.

The Sleep Gap: A Growing Danger

By Jane E. Brody

New York Times Service EW YORK - As you read this. millions of sleep-deprived people are driving cars and trucks, operating hazardoù machiner, admini-rring

How Tuberculosis

Drug Resistance

Peptidoglycan

In research on now a drug

works against tuberculosis,

scientists have found a gene

that directs production of an

enzyme involved in building a

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and even piloting commercial jets. Chances are, every one of those sleep-de-prived people is performing below par. Many are so sleepy that they are likely to nod off at the drop of a hat - white reading, listening to a Action being the morning

the animal transfer and and the padential are likely to be secously impaired

Although no major artine accident has been linked directly to a sleepy cocapit steat undue faugue has resulted in priors raining to read gauges correctly and landing not only on the wrong rimum but even at the wrong airport. Among drivers of automobiles, long-haul

be responsible for a large share of accidents. Those drivers who live to tell the tale often report that they aid not know they were about to fall asleep. .. "ischappened.

Dr. William Eciment, a sleep disorders specialist at Stanford University, says many sleep-deprived people are as likely to fall asleep sud-den! The summare and over demonstrates

in our 24-hour society, where light bulbs and television sets prompt people to postpone bed-

sleep laboratories, where people live without knowing when it is day and night and have no alarm clocks to tell them when to arise, have shown that most adults need eight to eight and a half hours of sleep a night.

How Drug Works

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But in real life they get less than seven. With each foreshortened night, they add to their growing sleep debt until they reach a point where they con to longer voluntarily stay awake.

According to Dr. James Maas, a professor of psychology who is a sleep researcher at Cornell University, the most sleep-deprived of all are high school and college students. From the ages on needs are greater than at any

and green mercities, Sleep studies have shown that these young people need about 10 hours of sleep a night. Yet the average student sleeps only six hours, accumulating a sleep debt that grows by four hours a night. Parents bemoun their teenagers' "laziness'

IN BRIEF

Mother's Silicone implants May Hurt Breast-Fed Infants WASHINGTON (NYT) — Researchers have reported that there might be a link between silicone breast implants and damage to the esophagus in breast-feeding infants.

The authors of the report, published in The Journal of the American Medical Association. said that the number of infants studied was too small to make firm conclusions about a link between breast implants and internal damage in children. But they said that their study was a warning of possible problems, and that they boped to do much larger studies.

The doctors who carried out the study, from the Schneider Uhildren's Hosnital in New Hyde to the first childrenge, but the Park New York reported that they had evan-

implants. Eight of the women breast-fed their

babies and three fed them by bottle.

Dr. Jeremiah Levine and Dr. Norman llowite, who carried out the study, found that six of the eight breast-fed babies had damaged esophagi that resulted in a nearly complete inability to contract and relax them in the involuntary wave motion the body uses to move food down to the stomach.

Americans Over 50 ignoring Safeguards Against AIDS

WASHINGTON (WP) - Middle-aged and older Americans are a bigger part of the AIDS epidemic than many presume and are out doing their share to protect themselves and prevent the spread of the disease, according to a U. S. survey. For years, Americans older than 50 have,

for 25 percent of these cases. But while most cases of AIDS in older Americans used to be due to transfusions of contaminated blood during surgery, the majority now are caused by heterosexual transmission. The percentage of new AIDS cases attributable to heterosexual sex is greater among Americans 50 and older than in any other age group. But older Americans aren't practicing safe sex. A survey of 3,200 predominantly beterosexual Americans older than 50 showed that 10

accounted for 10 percent of newly diagnosed

AIDS cases, with those over age 60 accounting

percent had at least one risk factor for AIDS isuch as having two or more sex partners in the past 12 months, injecting illicit drugs, being a hemophiliae), but fewer than " percent had been tested for the time that the cuases ATDS and 85 percent never uses the firms.

A Whale That Lurched Into the Sea

By David Brown

What did a ASHINGTON --650-pound whate do on land 50 million years ago. The answer probably wasn't "Anything it wanted!" More likely, it was jurchiog around clumsily like a sea lion, perhaps mating, highing or suckling, but almost certainly looking forward to us best dip in the water

"Of course we can't be such mat's what this entier did, our shaf's one thought," J. G. M. Thewissen, a comparative evatorust, said about his teeen; discovery of viliat is thought to tans, the walking whale that awards

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Dr. Thewis en, who teaches anatomy at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, discovered the remains of the ancient whale in northern Pakistan in January 1992 during an expedition sponsored, in part, by the National Geographic Society.

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On his trip, Dr. Thewissen went out of his

The hunch proved a good one, In a 50 million-year-old bed of silt and mudstone, mixed in with fossil mollusks and snails, the team found the skull, ribs, some vertebrae and limb bones, and nearly complete front- and hindfoot bones of what they think is a slightly more recent whale. Half a mile away, the excavators found a tailbone that almost certainly is not from the same individual animal, but which they believe is from the same species.

Perhaps the most important conclusion that Dr. Thewissen and his colleagues have reached about Ambulocetus natans is that it moved by flexing its tertebral column - the same means

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Sober YSL, Naughty Valentino

By Suzy Menkes International Heald Trabane

ARIS - The French have n word for the show Yves Saint Laureot senl out Wednesday: sage. It means well-behaved. sensible, level-headed. The countrier, who once lived and designed oo the wild side, has now sobered

"Classic Saiot Laurent." he said backstage, adding that his

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year-end bout of pneumonia had given him only three weeks for the collection. So it seems mean to complain

that the show was - although beautiful and graceful — a hore. The truth is that Saint Laurent and his clients are growing old together. To the froot-row lineup llike the show, it contained no surprises), a well-tailored pantsuit is very reassuring, and my! there was a new half-belt at the back of the jacket.

Off on the social safari? Well, the little shanting dress will do nicely, with its crisp fabric and tender colors. And no problem about buying the same dress as your two best huddies, for the styles came in tries. Apple-blossom pink, hyacinth blue or cyclamen for three soft crepe dresses. Three panther prints (but you might have a vintage YSL already). Three damask ball gowns. bows on the bodice, as pretty as a Boucher picture, in white, pow-

der blue or pistachio. Saint Laurent said that the white gown was his favorite piece. His mother, Lucienne, loved it 100 - thinking it so sensible of her son todo a skin that would fit into the back of a car.

But life out there on another fashion planet is also about the risk and daring and drama that Saint Laurent used to show. There were not even the hias-cut chiffons that are so à la mode and that he does best of all. There was one minor frisson

when a column of white savin came out with a shrugged-on se-

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quined cardigan. The rest was super-classic.

Nice girls may go to heaven and Saint Laurent, Bad girls can go to Valentino. His collection began and ended with scarlet women - first a red dress with a raised waist and flirty chiffon skirt. Finally a slither of boudoir lingerie. They were the themes of a pretty show that was lighthearted and a little bit naughty.

"Naughty? Why oaughty? Why not!" said a laughing Valentino backstage, taking compliments for the exquisite work of

his Rome alelier. It was the couture ladies' cup of cappuccino: a strong base of good bias-cutting, a dollop of milky white color and a froth of lace or flower appliques.

The joy of the show was its lightness and movement, with the brief flared skirts - so much fresher than short and tight fluttering io layers split open at front or side. Both the fine crepe jackets in fondant colors and the chiffon dresses had high waists, giving a delicate sithouette.

If the going got a bit too steamy at night, what with transparent organza and chantilly lace like a fancy bridal trousseau, the slithering gowns were so light in construction and so beautifully decorated that even the sullen and gawky models (they are the new thing) looked pretty seductive. It gave an uneven conture season a happy ending.

On Tuesday, Hanne Mori signaled the message of her new collection when a constellation of stars in an inky sky was projected onto the backdrop. The Japanese conturier was focusing on afterdark clothes. Lace and draped dresses made the biggest statement, along with a kimono printed with a bamboo grove.

Michel Klein, 36, is the first designer since Claude Montana's late lamented departure from Lanvin to try his scissors at nouvelle couture. His idea at Guy Laroche was to serve up some-thing light and simple to appeal to a new generation.

Klein had sweet-faced models

(ETPI stations only)



Saint Laurent's plaid dress with white collar and cuffs.

shoes in clothes to suit. That . - according to the English fabric meant that the French ministers' artist Sabina Braxton - made wives who are Laroche stalwarts with hand-painted stripes. will not find sturdy suits, but rather simple jackets and slender pants. Klein even sent out the symbol of his success as a readyto-wear designer: a Mao jacket embroidered with u delicate covering of pearls.

The show was poetic, with a kooky charm and -il you looked real hard - reasons that this was conture and not ready-to-wear. What looked like hig striped beach with pin-curled hair and pixie shirts for vacations were in reality

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But the real art of couture is in the cut. Maybe Klein, with time and dedication, can absorb technique and translate his ideas of simplicity, ease and modernism into haute couture.

The high-fashion season has not thrown up any new ideas, but followed on the fashion track of the October ready-to-wear season in which prettiness - pale colors. soft fabrics and feminine dresses — is making a fashion comeback.

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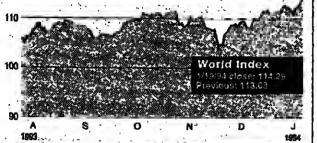
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AMR Says Walkout Widened Its Deficit

FORT WORTH, Texas --- AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines, reported on Wednesday a loss of \$253 million for the fourth quarter of 1993, and said \$190 miltion of it was due to a five-day

strike by flight attendants.

AMR's chairman, Robert Crandall, said the November strike had "a much more adverse effect" than previously estimated, and created a loss for the year. The company had estimated the strike would reduce its profits by at least \$160 million. The loss for the three months ended Dec. 31 equals \$3.55 per

share, on revenue of \$3.59 billion. During the same quarter of 1992, AMR loss \$200 million, or \$2.66 per share, on revenue of nearly \$3.58 billion.

For the year, AMR lost \$110 million, or \$2.23 per share, on revenue of \$15.8 billion. That compares with a 1992 loss of \$935 million on revenues of \$14.4 billion.

The flight attendants walked off the job Nov. 18 in a contract dispute. They came back to work when the two sides agreed in submit to binding arbitration at Presi-dent Bill Clinton's request. AMR said the fourth-quarter re-

sults also reflected legal costs and charges related to previously announced layoffs as part of corporate restructuring.

Iberia May Swap Stakes

Iberia Airlines is considering exchanging shares with a European and a U.S. airline to form a threeway alliance, Bloomberg Business News reported from Madrid.

News reported from Madrid.

Managing Director Juan Saez said the Spanish carrier was having "conversations" with European and American airlines, "and it seems that we are going to be able to do something." He did not name any potential partners.

Mr. Saez also said that he expected a slight operating profit in 1994. There is incurred an operating loss of

Iberia incurred an operating loss of 14 billion pesetas (\$98.6 million) in

Deutsche Bank **Jockeys for Role** In Asia's Boom

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — Accelerating the race among Western companies to tap Asia's booming markets, Dentsebe Bank AG said Wednesday it planned a major expansion in South and Southcast Asia that could multiply its profit from the region several

times over the next decade. But Europe's largest private bank faces formidable competition from more entrenched local institutions as well as from New York-based Citicorp, whose push into retail banking will be helped by the liberalization of financial services agreed to last month in the Uruguay Round of world trade talks, analysts said. Moreover, U.S. officials,

alarmed at an emerging partner-ship between German industry and government to expand into Asian markets, have warned that the fight over exports to the region could turn nasty.

The competition for the emerging markets is going to be fierce." Jeffrey Garten, the third-ranking official in the U.S. Commerce Department, said in Frankfurt this week.

Unlike the United States, Germany rarely worries about buman-rights matters when signing trade deals. Chancellor Helmut Kohl gave short shrift to the issue in November when he led a trade delegation to Chi-na that locked up \$4.1 billion in orders for German industry.

Ulrich Cartellieri, bead nf Asian operations for Deutsche Bank, said the region would spend more than \$1 trillion over the next decade to develop electric power, telecommunications, ports and other infrastructure projects.

This would present the bank a major opportunity in corporate finance. At the same time. high personal savings rates of 20 percent to 30 percent throughout the region have cre-

ated a wealthy class in need of private banking services.
"These people have amassed personal wealth." Mr. Cartel-

lieri said. "It's amazing to see the growth rates.
"We still have a long way to go in this part of the world, which will be the most dynamic region," said Mr. Cartellieri, who is in Tokyo to attend Deutsche Bank's first-ever board

meeting in Japan on Friday. Asia's contribution to the bank's operating profit -about 500 million Deutsche marks (\$876.6 million) or 8 percent of the total in 1992 - will soar, be predicted, "I see a serious potential to multiply this figure a couple of times over the next decade," be said.

The bank now employs more than 3,000 staff in the region, with 60 operating units spread across 17 countries.

Although Deutsche Bank is one of the largest foreign banks in Tokyo - it plans to spend tens of millions of dollars to buy a new building for its 400person staff - the biggest opportunities will unt be in Japan's mature, competitive and highly regulated market, but farther south, especially in India and China,

"A high princity is India," Mr. Cartellien said. The bank, which now has branches in Bombay and New Delhi and a license in Bangalore, recently notified the government of its desire to set up offices in Madras, Calcutta and Poona.

But it will not be alone. The biggest banks in Soutbeast Asia, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Coro, and Standard Chartered PLC, bave an advantage Deutsche Bank will be bard-pressed to match: a Chinese-speaking staff who know

Brandon Mitchener in Frankfurt contributed to this report.

Hanwa Says Investments Cause \$1 Billion Loss

TOKYO - Hanwa Co., one of Japan's most aggressive currency and stock market speculators, said Wednesday that it would write off 120 billion yen (\$1.08 billion) in investment losses by April 1.

The investment loss would be the largest ever reported by a Japanese company in a single business year. Also Wednesday, the company, which specializes in trading steel products, announced that its president, Shigeru Kita, would resign to take responsibility for the loss.

At a news conference at the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Hanwa's vice president, Takashi lwami, said that as a result of the loss, the company would record a net loss of 47.2 billion yen for the financial year ending March 31.

"I apologize to sharebolders for these losses." be said,

To make up for the investment has long been a big player in so-nies of using speculative invest-loss. Mr. Iwami said Hanwa would called tokkin and other corporate ments to stretch corporate profits.

divest its security holdings, liquidate seven subsidiaries and cancel its dividend payment for the second ball.

These are specialized equity inof the year. It will also sell off 65

pretax figure, however, does not 15,671,97 on Nov. 29. Mr. Iwami include the 120 billion yen in in-

vestment losses. the stock closed at 777, but it did other companies. not trade on Wednesday. Trading was expected to resume Thursday.

White Mr. Iwami declined to

vestment funds that were popular billion yen in property to raise cash among Japanese companies in the for a new company, a spin-off of late 1980s, when the Tokyo stock

Hanwa's warehousing and distribu-tion operations, he added. Hanwa was hit he Hanwa was hit by the market's He said that Hanwa hoped to slide last year, when the key Nikkei post a current, or pretax, profit of index tumbled from a high of 11.7 billion yen for the year. The 21.281.03 on Sept. 3 to a low of

Mr. Iwami said another source of Hanwa's shares bave shed more trouble was about 380 billion yen than 55 percent of their market in bad loans made by the company value since April 9, when the stock and its wholly owned subsidiary. traded at 1,700 yen. On Tuesday, the computer company CPU, to 10

Hanwa is one of Japan's largest caiteth speculators in the currency and securities markets. Zaitech re identify the specific cause of Han-fers to the formerly widespread wa's investment loss, the company practice among Japanese compa-

Sales Drop Dashes U.K. Hopes

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Growing hopes that Britain would escape its slow-paced recovery received a serback on Wednesday with the release of surprisingly downbeat retail sales figures for the crucial month of December. Instead of the widely expected gain of about balf a percentage point, the government said sales had fallen

The figures suggest there was too much eupboria about the pace of spending growth," said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International.

While most experts were quick to blame statistically difficult seasonal adjustments for the decline, which contrasts with early bullish reports from several large retailers about their Christmas sales, most conceded that the figures had succeeded in knocking expectations down a notch or two.

That was good news for the stock market, where the Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares soared 38 points Wednesday in a record high of 3,475.10. Having risen strongly in recent weeks on the bope of corporate earnings growth, the equity market was quick to switch gears, seeing the plus side

"It changed sentiment in the market such that we can now see another cut in interest rates," said Robin Marshall, an economist at Chase Manhattan in London. He noted that the figures underscored a still

The currency markets also quickly took up that theme. The pound lost ground against the U.S. dollar, closing at \$1,491, down from \$1,497 on Tuesday, on the suddenly rekindled possibility of lower interest rates. Recent bullish figures on everything from unem-ployment to exports had forced many forecasters to abandon hopes for an early rate cut,

Economists stressed that for consumer spending to survive the huge tax increases enming in April, the government would have to lower the cost of borrowing. Most now expect such a cut in early spring.

"The timing is more political than economic," said one economist, noting the need to boost the economy before local elections in May and European Parliament elections in June.

Prime Minister John Major's government looks in-creasingly like it will need all the help it can get.

In a report released Wednesday, Stephen Yorke, chief European analyst for Chase Manhattan Bank, predicted that the Major government would fall by autumn amid growing scandals and an expected poor showing for the Conservatives in the European vote. He predicted that those concerns would "convince the Conservatives that the government needs to be re-launched — and that means a new leader."

While that view remains extreme, it reflects widespread and growing disenchantment with Mr. Major's

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Stepping Aside and Abroad

By Deirdre Carmody

New York Times Service EW YORK — Wearing a blue kanga-roo tie and looking tanned and relaxed. Bernard H. Leser, president of Coude Nast Publications Inc., was enjoying

Never mind that this 68-year-old executive had arrived on a nonstop flight from Takyo the previous morning, had spent the day in his office and was back at work at 8 A.M. He was in full form. explaining why he would step down as president in June - after seven years in the job and 35 years with the company — to become chairman of Con-de Nast's Pacific operations. He was also talking about the health of the

company's 13 magazines and about Steven T. Florio, 44, president and chief executive of The New Yorker, who will succeed him as company president. And Mr. Leser was also offering glimpses of his work as one of the two closest. Conde Nast associates of SI. Newhouse Jr., the company's very private chairman. Mr. Newhouse's other confident is Alexander Liberman, 81, editorial director of the company.

"Si and I have been conscious of the fact for a long time that all of us at the top are in our 60s,"
Mr. Leser said, "and that for the sake of the future of the company, we needed to start to bring the next generation into management, and it was obvi-ous I had to be the first one to make way." He said Mr. Florio was an ideal choice to lead that new generation at the company, whose magazines include Vogue, GQ, Mademoiselle, Self and

In another sign of changing times, Condé Nast-said Tuesday it would make its first U.S. foray into electronics publications, becoming a minority partner in Wired, a year-old magazine that covers the digital revolution.

The independent San Francisco-based magazine has quickly become one of the most talked about new magazines because of its front-line reports on the communications revolution. The monthly has a paid circulation of more than 100,000 and an

average of 50 pages of advertising in each issue. For Mr. Leser, the return to his native Australia had been in the works for several years. In 1992, Mr. Newhouse announced that Mr. Leser would stay on as president until at least 1995. Nnt announced at the time was the plan for Mr. Leser to return to Australia to develop the company's pres-ence in the Pacific. He had run the company's Australian publications from 1959 to 1989, and for 10 of those years was also in charge of its European

Mr. Leser said he became convinced during his most recent trip that Condé Nast should accelerate its Pacific plan. He said the company would look into licensing possibilities in Japan, Korea, Tai-wan, Singapore, India, Thailand and possibly Hong Kong, Condé Nast is already planning a Singapore edition of Australian Vogue for Septem-

During telephone conversations with Mr. Ne-whouse last week, Mr. Leser said, the decision was made to start the Pacific project. He flew back to New York immediately so the transition could be

"Steve has developed well, so why wait another year and a half?" he said of the changes. "All this simply happened faster than any of us thought."
Mr. Leser said Mr. Florio, as president, would "introduce the dynamics of his own style, and Si

will have to adjust himself." "Steve will find it very different working with 13 magazines instead of I," he added. "You really have to subordinate your own personality and ego

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Digital's Loss Far Exceeds **Forecasts**

MAYNARD, Massachusetts -Digital Equipment Corp. on Wednesday reported a quarterly loss far exceeding analysts' fore-casts and said it was not sure it would make a profit for the year.

The company, the United States third-largest computer maker, said its net loss in its second quarter, which ended Jan. 1, had narrowed to \$72.1 million, or 53 cents a share, from \$73.9 million, or 57 cents a share, a year earlier. Sales declined 12 percent, to \$3.25 billion from

Still, David Wu, an analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co., termed the loss "huge" and said, "It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this

Analysis' mean estimate had been for a profit of 6 cents a share. according to 16 analysts recently surveyed by Institutional Brokers Estimate System.

A few months ago, the company said analysts' forecasts of a breakeven or slightly profitable year were "reasonable." But Wednes-day, William M. Steul, vice presi-dent and chief financial officer, said: "It's very difficult to predict. Obviously, we didn't have a profit-able first half."

Asked whether the second half would be profitable, he said: "We're operating very close to break-even, and there is a lot of

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MARKET DIARY

Blue-Chip Shares Set Another High

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks closed at a new high Wednesday, fueled by expectations that some of America's major industrial companies would report strong earnings for the latest quar-

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 14,08 points at 3,884,37,

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beating Monday's and Tuesday's record close of 3.870.29.

Bond prices fell as traders and investors braced for an onslaught of government debt sales amid signs of faster economic growth. The 30-year Treasury bond's price was down 13/32 as its yield rose to 6.29 percent from 6.26 percent

Tuesday. In the broad market, advancing issues led declines by a small mar-gin on active trading of 312 million shares on the New York Stock Ex-

came despite some worse-than-expected earnings reports in the technology and drug sectors, and it ran counter to the trend in the Nasdaq market, which is heavily weighted with the more votatile technology

issues. The Nasdaq index fell 3.66 points to 789.36.

Sun Microsystems, Intel. Borland International and Digital Equipment - which trades on the Big Board - all reported worsethan-expected results for their most recent quarter. Their stocks fell. pulling down other technology issues. Digital numbled 334 to 3231. Borland was off 1!: at 13% and Sun lost 4 to 274.

Texas Instruments declined 112 to 69%, and Advanced Micro Devices slipped 3x to 101%.

Pharmaceutical stocks also fell after Pfizer posted lower-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings and the Food and Drug Administration moved to limit the use of a painkiller sold by Johnson & Johnson and made by Alza.

Plizer was off 4 s at 63, Johnson & Johnson lost 34 to 42%, and Alza was down that 26%.

The day's economic data, although strong, had little effect on stocks, analysts said.

The Commerce Department said The blue-chip average's move the U.S. merchandise trade deficit shrank slightly to \$10.17 billion in November, helped by a big drop in imported oil prices and a reduction in car imports. The figure was slightly better than expectations.
(Rewers, AP, Bloomberg)

Dollar Gains on Yen As Trade Tensions Ease

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the yen Wednesday as trad-ers and investors decided there

were signs of improvement in trade relations between the United States The currency was slightly lower agaiost the Deutsche mark, meanwhile, with many analysts predict-

ing the Bundesbank would not cut interest rates Thursday.

Traders bought dollars against the yen after U.S. Trade Represen-

Foreign Exchange

'intive Mickey Kantor welcomed concessions made by Japan in its bidding system for public works construction. The move ended a threat of U.S. trade sanctions that were to have gone into effect against Japan Thursday.

People were expecting more trade friction between the U.S. and Japan," Lynn Tierney, vice president at Shawmut Bank of Boston. said. "Now it looks like they might make some progress.

With trade matters showing signs of progress, President Bill Clinton and other U.S. officials are considered less likely to resume calls for a strong yen. The dollar tumbled against the yen last year strong yen would help shrink Ja-

pan's trade surplus. The yen also retreated after the U.S. November trade report showed the deficit with Japan oarrowing to \$5.72 billion from \$6.09 billion the month before.

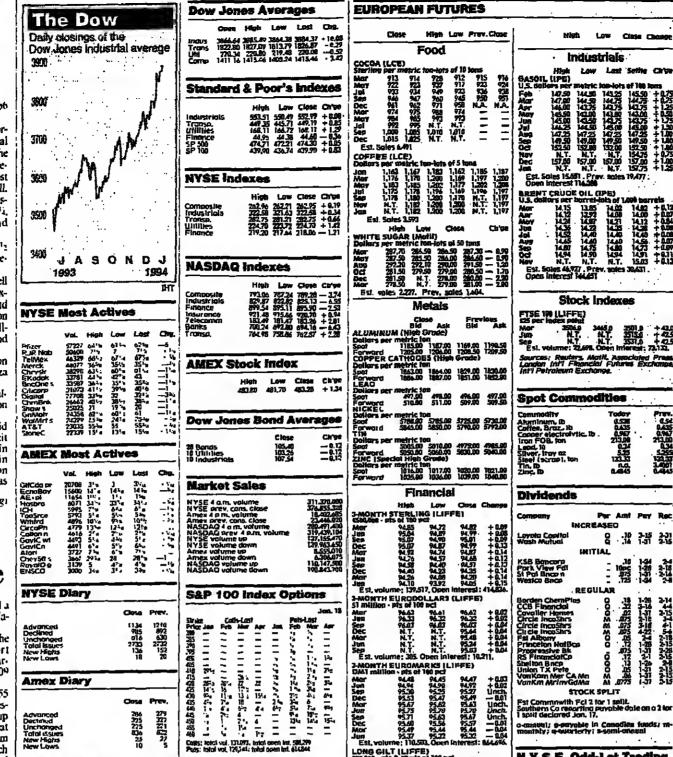
The dollar finished at 1.7455 DM, off from 1.7465 DM at Tuesday's close, and at 111,405 yen, up from 110,790 yen, It also closed at 1,4605 Swiss frames, down from 1,4620 francs, and at 5.9340 French francs, up from 5,9335. The pound dropped to \$1,4930 from \$1,4960. The Bundesbank now is consid-

ered unlikely to make changes in interest rates when its policymaking council meets Thursday, as the mark's continuing weakness makes it difficult for the Bundesback to drive German rates lower.

"I think there's a pretty universal belief that German rates will be left unchanged tomorrow," Malcolm Barr, an economist at Chemical Bank in London, said. "The basic view is the Bundesbank won't want to be seen encouraging the mark's recent weakness.

But, several analysis said, its failure to act now would only increase pressures on the German central bank for a larger cut later. (Bloomberg, AFX, Knight-Ridder)





Sale of Elf to Begin on Thursday

PARIS - The French government kicked off its third large-scale asset sale on Wednesday, putting 60 million shares, or 24 percent, of the French national oil company Elf Aquitaine on offer begin-

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ning Thursday.

The sale will be completed by April 20 at the latest. Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery

Individual investors can bid for 33 million, or 55 percent, of those shares, with the rest going to institutional investors, both French and foreign. The rest of the 51 percent stake that the French state was holding in Elf will be split between core shareholders, the staff and the state, which will retain about 13 percent.

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On Wednesday, Elf shares closed at 418 francs.

Air France, BA Feud on Aid

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PARIS - Air France denied on Wednesday charges by British Airways that it received a 1.5 billion franc (\$250 million) infusion of government aid. British Airways said that it had lodged an objection with the European Commission. The money involved concerned an issue of bonds and taken up mainly by a unit of state-owned Caisse des

Oil Prices Help Cut U.S. Trade Gap

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's monthly trade deficit shrank slightly in November to \$10.17 billion, helped by a big drop in foreign oil prices and lower car imports, the government reported Wednesday. The merchandise trade deficit declined by 6.7 percent to the lowest level since August, Imports fell by 1.5 percent, reflecting the cheapest oil prices in five years, but exports were down as well, edging down a smaller 0.1 percent. Separately, the American Petroleum Institute reported that imported oil accounted for 49.5 percent of U.S. consumption in 1993, breaking a mark set in 1977.

breaking a mark set in 1977. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve in its so-called Tan Book issued an upheat assessment of the economy at the beginning of the new year, noting that holiday sales had been strong in December and employment in the in the manufacturing sector was beginning to improve.

U.S. Probes Branch of Banco Latino

CARACAS (Bloomberg) — The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta is investigating operations of the Mlami branch of Banco Latino in light of the Venezuelan bank was seized by regulators, officials said.

A senior Venezuelan government official said that many depositors had been withdrawing funds from the Miami branch. Banco Latino, Venezuela's second-largest bank, closed Friday after failing to meet requests for withdrawals.

requests for withdrawals. A spokesman for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta confirmed that an investigation of the Miami branch was under way.

Intel Results Disappoint the Market
SANTA CLARA, California (Bloomberg) — Intel Corp.'s share price
plunged in heavy trading Wednesday after the company posted lower-

than-expected fourth-quarter earnings and said its gross profit margin probably would continue to narrow in the first quarter.

Intel stock was down \$4.75 to \$62.50. The company blamed the disappointing earnings on high costs at two plants that are gearing up to boild advanced versions of forel's x86 family of microprocessors, which are used in personal computers. are used in personal computers.

The company said strong demand from the personal computer market boosted oet income to \$594 million for the quarter. 38 percent higher than the same period in 1992, but that still fell short of analysts' expectations.

Earnings Up 61% at McDonnell Unit

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Renters) — McDonnell Douglas Corp. said its operating earnings in the military aureraft segment were \$180 million in the fourth quarter, excluding charges for the C-17 program, up 61 percent from the same period in 1992.

The company said revenues were 5 percent lower than in 1992, largely because of reduced volume in the F-15 program. McDonnell Douglas said it took a fourth-quarter pretax charge of \$450 million to cover n settlement with the Defense Department and increased contract costs on the C-17 program.

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BankAmerica Reports Profit Gain
SAN FRANCISCO (Bloomberg) — BankAmerica Corp. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter net income rose 4.6 percent after a \$120 million cut in its provision for loan losses.

Net income rose to \$406 million and \$1.21 about from \$472 million are \$1.20. Net income rose to \$496 million, or \$1.21 a share, from \$473 million, or

The lower provision for bad loans partially offset a drop in net interest income and an increase in expenses, Richard Rosenberg, chairman and chief executive, said five units — the Seafirst Corp. banking unit in Washington state, residential lending, the U.S. group, California retail banking and Asia - were the strongest contributors to earnings.

Genentech Wins Fight Over Patent

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, California (Bloomberg) - Genentech nc. scored a final victory in a 10-year patent fight that will earn it a greater share of the \$500 million generated each year by a blood clotting

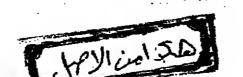
A settlement in the case gives Genentech increased royalties from the sale of Kogenate, a product used in the treatment of hemophiha, Following the settlement, a federal judge in San Francisco dismissed a lawsuit brought against Geaentech and Miles Inc. by the Scripps Research Institute and Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc.

For the Record

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Pacific Telesis Group's Video Services said they would set up a trial of an advanced interactive television services system in Milpitas, California. (Renters)

Apple Computer Inc. named James J. Buckley president of its U.S. division, which accounted for more than 55 percent of Apple's sales last year. Mr. Buckley, 43, had been vice president and general manager of Apple's U.S. higher education division. (Bloomberg)

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Thyssen Stahl Loss Quadruples And Outlook Is Gloomy

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DUISBURG. Germany ---Thyssen Stahl AG, Germany's largest steelmaker, said on Wednesday that its loss quadrupled in 1992-93 and that it did not foresee a return to profit until the 1994-95 financial year.

The troubled steel giant, a sub-sidiary of Thyssen AG, said its loss in the financial year ended Sept. 30 totaled 1.234 billion Deutsche marks (\$705 million), compared with a 306 million DM loss a year

Kohl to Continue Transfers to East

MAGDEBURG. Germany
Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany said Wednesday that the government would continue high levels of financial support to help Eastern

Germany's economy
Despite considerable progress, the gap between Eastern and Western Germany must still be filled by high income and capital trans-fers." Mr. Kohl said in a speech.

The government already pays about 150 billion Deutsche marks (\$85 billion) a year in transfer pay-

Mr. Schulz said the company would not return to profit until its 1994-95 financial year. He blamed the catastrophic performance on a 15 percent drop in sales and a drop in steel prices. Sales declined to 10.6

billion DM from 12.5 billion DML But he also said that European Union subsidies for steel producers, especially in Italy and Spain, were to blame for the current crisis in the European steel industry.

While Thyssen Stahl's produc-tion fell, Mr. Schulz said, output at "the highly subsidized" Italian and Spanish producers rose by 1 percent year-on-year.

He said the decision by the EU Council of Ministers on Dec. 17 to approve a further 12 billion DM in bsidies for European competitors without requiring capacity cuts from those subsidized in Spain and Italy was a low point for the concept of a free-market economy.

The company also intends to cut employment and capital spending. Last week. Thyssen Stahl said it would cut a further 1,250 jobs be-yond those already announced. Mr. Schulz said the company did not want state subsidies but would need help to pay for the layoffs necessary to improve its competi-

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

Virgin Air Tailored to Asia Carrier to Make Service Its Strong Suit

splitting flights to America and Asia between two airlines. Virgin

The secret to success, he said.

Five years ago, he started a

chain of book and record shops, called Virgin Megastores, which

he is expanding around the

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Diversity is another key.

Atlantic and Virgin Pacific.

ageable and innovative.

LONDON - Passengers flying from Europe to Hong Kong on selected Virgin Atlantic Air-ways flights need not worry about wrinkling their clothes during the long flight.

Tailors will be available to measure passengers and fax their sizes via satellite to Hong Kong-Custom-made clothes will then be waiting when passengers step off the plane.

Haberdashery is just one way in which Virgin Atlantic's chair-man, Richard Branson, plans to distinguish his new Asian service when it starts next month.

He made his carrier famous on trans-Atlantic routes by offering such perks as in-flight massages and electronic video games -all at compentive fares.

"It's a little bit of an experiment, but we think it's going to work," be said of the tailoring idea. "You've got to always be one step ahead. Mr. Branson, 43, has used in-novation to succeed in every en-

deavor he has tried, from making records to selling games. It has made him Britain's most celebrated entrepreneur and may help him win the franchise to run the country's national lottery. But each Virgin enterprise remains separate from the others.

Mr. Branson is even considering

the same time as getting bigger. Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman

world. He is huilding his videogame software business, which is now the world's third largest. But Mr. Branson said he was most devoted to his airline. To fund its growth, in 1992 he sold his record empire, which he began

as a mail-order business when he was a teenager, for \$1 billion. Virgin already flies to Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Orlando, Service to San Francisco is to start in May. Mr. Branson said he also intended to serve Washington and Chicago.

He said his fear of letting the enterprise become too large and impersonal had prompted him to consider the creation of a Virgin Pacific, which would have a sep-

arate staff. We want to try and stay small at the same time as getting bigger," he said. In Europe, Mr. Branson is Iry-

ing to build the carrier's name by arranging franchise agreements with smaller airlines seeking marketing clout. This month, the Irish airline Cityjet began flights on its jets, with the Virgin name. between London and Dublin. He has filed a complaint with

the European Commission, seeking the reallocation of landing slots at congested airports. They deregulated, then left the incumbent carriers with all the slots at all the principal air-

ports," he said. "It's like being asked to compete at the Grand Prix and then being told there is no room at the starting gate. Mr. Branson still finds time for other ventures.

He has nearly a dozen Virgin Megastores throughout Europe, three in Japan, and two in the United States.

And, be said, if the cost of track is not too expensive, he would like to do for 8ntish passenger railroads what he has done for the airline business.

Russia Puts Controls on **Exporters**

MOSCOW - Rassia has placed stronger cuntrols on export earnings to the to prevent capital from leaving the country, a central bank official said Wednesday.

"This is not causing any difficulties." Yevgen: Ivanov, head of the bank department controlling current foreign-exchange operations. said. Normai formalities for exporting strategically important

goods are taking place." Mr. Ivanor said the central bank had been wormed for some time about a flight of capital abroad that has been estimated at several billion dollars a year.

The estimate is in line with a report Friday in the International Herald Tribune that quoted Western bankers and businessmen as saving capital flight from Russia had avoidated to more than \$1 billion a month.

The new system involves two parts. The first is a "transaction passport," which has to be signed by exporters and authorited banks.

"On the other side, the hank is fully obliged to serve as the agent for hard-currency control in accordance with our legislation. Mr. Ivanov said. The main thing is to ensure that earnings from the export of goods under the contract are deposited in an account at the authorized bank

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· Lloyd's of London's chairman. David Rowland, said the insurance market's £900 million (\$1.35 billion) offer to end legal disputes with the market's traditional backers would remain open until Feb. 14 despite its rejection Monday by a group representing some of the so-called names. • Volvo AB's former chairman, Pehr Gyllenhammar, said he would leave

the board of SE Banken after the bank's next shareholders' meeting. Swissair, whose shares had advanced 12 percent in three days on rumors of a partnership announcement, said it was not about to disclose an

alliance with another airline. • The European Union said it had opened a merger inquiry into a revised plan by Procter & Gamble Co. to purchase the husiness of the German diaper and feminine hygiene company Vereingte Papierwerke Schiken-

danz AG. A decision is expected by Feb. 15. British Aerospace PLC said it was cutting 510 jobs in its dynamics

division this year in reaction to a "difficult market," • PepsiCo Inc. said it would invest \$115 million over five years in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to develop its sales and distribution Czech Republic and Sindaku in Prague. network and to build a soft-drinks plant in Prague. Reuters. AFP, Bhomberg, AFX, AP

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Prague Gets Debt Rating

PRAGUE — Prague, which is planning a Eurohond issue for later this year, on Wednesday became the first city in the former East bloc to land an international debt rating, as Standard & Poor's Corp. assigned an implied BBB investment-grade rating to its senior

The rating is based on a positive outlook for the city's "strong, service-oriented economy, current low deht, and cautious investment plans, the ratings agency said.

They have tremendous investment needs, but we think with the strong performance Prague has shown on the economic side so far. there is room to maneuver," said Konrad Reuss of the agency's London office.

Prague is planning a \$250 million Eurobond issue during the first half of this year to finance such projects as sewage-treatment plant improvements, construction of a ring road and construction of a tunnel under the Vitava River.

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Northwest Share Offering Seen as a Boon for KLM

Bloomberg Rusiness Vens AMSTERDAM - Shares in KLM Royal Dutch Airlines surged more than a percent Wednesday to their highest level in four years after the carrier's U.S. partner. Northwest Airlines Corp., an-nouoced a public share offering.

Northwest said Tuesday it would sell 20 million shares for about \$400 million this quarter. The amount represents a stake of about 24.5 percent in the airline. KLM said it would own about 20

percent of Northwest's equity once the offering is finalized. Analysts said the offering means public company that is worth much more than is reflected on its bal-ance sheet. KLM's stake is current-

On the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. KLM's stock closed at 46.30 guilders, up 2.30 guilders. KLM invested about \$400 mil-

The offering "ensures KLM will

have part of a company that is financially more stable, said

Pieter Houting, airline analyst with Deutsche Bank. Northwest has

avoided Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Their operations can now go on as

lion in Northwest when the U.S. currier was in a leveraged buyout five years ago. It took a 20 percent equity stake for about \$100 million KLM will own a valuable stake in a and owns \$300 million of Northwest's debt. This effectively means KLM owns 49 percent because the debt is regarded as preferred equity ly valued at zero because it wrote in the United States

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EAST: Condé Nast President Steps Aside and Heads Across the Pacific Continued trom Page 11 and listen to people and figure out how to solve their problems." Describing what it has been like

to work with Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Leser called him more cryptic than I am, but extraordinarily curi-

"Si and I work as a team, and while our styles are quite different, our ideals and philosophies are the same," he said. "I think I am more pany has started two magazines. Conde Nast Traveler and Allure, that Vanity Fair had lost its luster and it so revamped another maga-since the departure of Tina Brown zine, Details, that it was tanta- to The New Yorker in 1992. He Nast policies, he said. sensitive than Si, but Si is the greater analyst. He is very good in a

crisis, very calm, and I have never mount to a start-up. Last year, the seen him lose his temper. But I company acquired Architectural probably have greater awareness of Digest and Bon Appetit from

the human situation. That is what makes us a great match."

Mr. Leser is quite naturally upMr. Leser said he thought the beat about anything Conde Nast. company had never been healthier, In talking about the magazines' despite the recession that has hit publishers, he had particular praise the industry hard in the last four for lack Kliver of Glamour and the industry hard in the last four for Jack Kliger of Glamour and years. During his tenure, the com-He also dismissed industry talk

praised Vanity Fair's editor in chief, E. Graydon Carter, and said its circulation was strong. The magazine will "go into modest profitability this year." Mr. Leser added.
He said Bon Appetit had had problems because it had given advertisers "enormous discounts" be-fore Conde Nast acquired it. The end of those discounts meant a 50 percent to 60 percent increase in the cost of advertising but brought the magazine into line with Conde

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HONG KONG -Installing the first Chinese chief executive at Hongkong Telecom will help the company, long closely linked to

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Britain, build ties to China, analysts said Wednesday.
Such ties will help as the 1997 bandover of Hong Kong to China approaches, and will help give the telecommunications company a foothold in the potentially enormous Chinese market, the analysts

Linus Cheung, 46, a Hong Kong native who is currently deputy managing director of Cathay Pacif-

China Plans Big Bond Issue

SHANGHAI - China, battling its worst inflation in four years, is pinning its hopes on a large new bond issue to soak up excess liquidity and bring

money supply under control. The first part of a 100 billion yuan (\$11.6 billion) 1994 state bond issue will be issued in the next few days, the Shanghai Securines News re-

ported Wednesday. A highly liquid bond market through which the central bank can control money supply is being touted as the key to reining in inflation, which averaged 21.9 percent in China's 35 biggest cities in November. The central bank now adjusts money supply through administrative methods, turning on or choking off bank credit, a practice that has led to boom-bust economic cycles.

replacing Michael Gale. Mr. Gale, 53, a Briton, died of a heart attack on the eve of the announcement. the company said Wednesday. He had been due to become deputy chairman of the company, a sub-sidiary of the British company Ca-

ble & Wireless PLC. The news of Mr. Gale's death shocked Hong Kong's investment community. But analysis welcomed the addition of a Hong Kong Chinese, saying Mr. Cheung ould be valuable as an outsider who can apply his experience in the highly competitive airline industry highly competitive arrine industry to a field that is just now opening to compension.

Politically, I think this should improve Hongkong Telecom's rela-tionships with the Chinese govern-ment," said Haddon Zia, analyst with Jardine Fleming brokerage.
Not that they've been bad in the

past, but one would believe that the Chinese government probably viewed Hongkong Telecom some-what as a colonial throwback," Mr. Zia said.

The move is the second major step in the "decolonialization" the company. In 1990 Cable & Wireless sold a 20 percent stake to Beijing's China International Trust & Investment Corp., which later sold a 12 percent stake to its Hong. Kong subsidiary, CITIC Pacific.

Hongkong Telecom loses its monopoly on domestic services in 1995, but it will remain the sole international provider until 2006. The company's share price climbed 80 Hong Kong cents, or 6.3 percent, to close Wednesday at 13.50 dollars (\$1.75).

The market feels that they are going to be somewhat better posi-tioned to do business in China." said Fred Bowers, analyst at Nomura Research Institute (Reuters, Bioomberg

A Refuge From Asia Market Mania

Overseas Fund Managers See Little Risk in Japan

TOKYO — Japanese stocks are regaining some of their allure among American and European fund managers, who see a recovery in coming months and bittle risk of significant decline before the next rally takes hold.

Corporate Japan still has lots of problems that normally make investors wary. Few indicators point to a quick turnaround in the economy. Banks are saddled with a buge volume of nonperforming debt. Top companies are posting record losses. Every month brings another 1,000 bankruptcies.
The bad news has made Japan's massive

and conservative institutional investors bear-ish. Yet U.S. and European investors are more optimistic, if ant outright bullish. As Asian markets retreat from the manic rallies of 1993, they see Japan as a refuge. And, they say, Japan's economy has a good chance of staging a respectable recovery later this year. The market's as hard to turn as an oil tanker, but it's starting to come around, said Simon Jones of Prudential Portfolio Manag-

The Nikkei 225 stock index was up 524.85 points Wednesday, or 2.83 percent, at 19.039.4. The gain was largely due to optimism among European and U.S. investors,

Japan is "the one market in the world where the turn is still to occur," said Christo-pher Burvill, a fund manager at Guinness Flight Investment Managers Ltd. We've been fairly cautions on Japan over the pasi six months but I think we will be getting increasingly bullish. I think it will be the

market to surprise us this year." In 1993, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malay. sian stocks more than doubled. Those markets have tumbled in the past two weeks as investors take money out to invest in what they consider safer markets this year. Japan is strong candidate.

"With the levels that have been reached in other Asian markets, the tendency is to want to either switch money into Japan or to have new money allocated," said Bernard Key, a

fund manager at Pierson Asia. Mr. Key said he had seen a 10 percent to 20 percent increase in money flowing into Japanese funds from other markets since November. And with foreign investors so under-weighted in Japan, they are not likely to

retreat soon, he said. Adding to the allure of Japan, the government is likely to announce a 7 trillion yen (\$63 billion) economic support plan in coming weeks to help turn the economy around.

That would come on the heels of three other plans in the past 18 months. No one expects Japan to repeat the huge successes of other Asian markets. Even optimistic analysts are tempering their com-

"It's time to be more optimistic," said Rick Holbrook of Bailard, Biehl & Kaiser in San Mateo, California. We're not pouring money into Japan. But, we think most of that country's problems are behind it."

Japanese stocks closed up 3 percent in 1993, one of the tiniest gains in a year when equity markets rallied around the world. Still, the news was bright considering that the market closed lower for the previous three years. Now expectations are growing that the

long bear market is ending.

The decline in the stock market is overdone," said Seung Kwak, a managing director at Scudder, Stevens & Clark Inc.

But not all foreign investors are convinced that the market is ripe for a rally. Andrew Baker, a fund manager at Phillips & Drew Fund Managers Ltd. said he saw better pros-

pects elsewhere.
The chances are the market is going to end up on the year but it will probably underperform Europe. he said.

Tokyo Exchange Plans to Start Trading in Crude Oil

TOKYO — The Tokyo Com-modity Exchange will press ahead with plans to list crude oil

and nonferrous metals within two to three years in an attempt to boost its international image and lure new investors, the exchange's chairman said Wednesday.

The chairman, Naozo Mabuchi, said that "having completed technical studies." the exchange would "try to hasten a political green bight" for the plan.

The exchange has been considering listing crude oil and oil products such as napbtha for about eight years, but has been unable to obtain government permission.

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We plan to intensify our political voice this year to expedite the listing of new commodines." Mr. Mabuchi said. "The government is mapping out plans for deregulation and so are we.

Crude oil futures are now traded in New York and London. Nonferrous futures are traded on several exchanges around the world, of which the most active is the London Metal Exchange. Last year, China inaugurated a metal exchange in Shanghai and oil exchanges in Nanjing and Shanghai.

Japan has virtually no domestic oil production and is the world's second-largest importer

after the United States. But the government regulates oil imports. carefully controlling the supply and demand on grounds that it is a vital commodity.

The Toyko exchange enjoyed a booming year in 1993, led by active trading in precious metals futures. Mr. Mabuchi said. Its major contracts are rubber, precious metals, wool and cotton. It is Japan's largest commodities exchange and its platinum futures are the world's most active.

Last year, by the end of Sep-tember, traded volume broke the annual record of 14,949,199 lots, set in 1991.

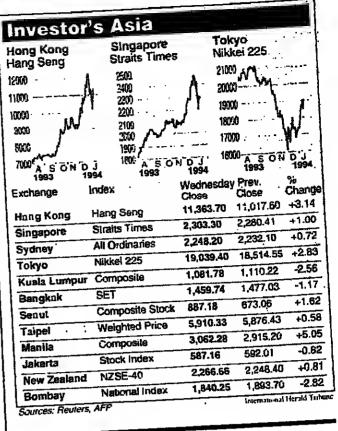
But Mr. Mabuchi said he was

still not content with current levels, and hoped to double the traded volume this year.

The exchange will consider various ways to boost liquidity and new investment, such as reducing commissions and membership fees as well as pushing to list new commodities, he said.

Mr. Mabuchi hopes oil futures will attract Japanese institutional investors to the futures market.

High margin requirements and commission fees, as well as vendenominated contracts, are major obstacles that have scared off active foreign investment in Japanese commodity exchanges.



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• Yamaha Motor Co. forecast a 2 percent decline in its global sales of motorcycles this year as sluggish sales in Europe were expected to offset growing Asian sales.

• Pertamina, Indonesia's state oil company, announced the opening for exploration of several oil and gas fields this year and introduced a new incentive package for oil exploration in eastern Indonesia.

Mitsui & Co. bought nearly 10 percent in Carlyle International LP, a
unit of the Washington-based Carlyle Group, for \$1 million. They'll work.
on projects in China. Vietnam and the former Soviet Union.

 PepsiCo Inc. said it would reveal plans next week to expand in China and compete with its rival. Coca-Cola Co.

 Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co. said it would build a \$40 million plant to manufacture TV parts in Mexico.

Siemens AG, the German electronics giant, said its business volume in Malaysia was expected to quadruple this year, to over \$400 million, from increased power deals and electronic component sales.

 Sony Corp. is to build an optical disc plant in Oregon, boosting by 15. percent the company's monthly production in the United States. Japan's industrial production rose a revised 22 percent in November

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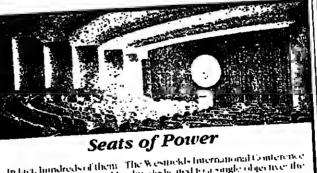
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SPORTS

Sampras Ekes By Russian Teen

MELBOURNE - Pete Sampras was taken to the brink Wednesday at the Australian Open by a Russian teenager playing in only his second Grand Slam tennis tournament. Sampras, the U.S. Open and Wim-

bledon champion who is ranked No. I in the world, needed 3 hours, 20 minutes to beat 19-year-old Yevgeni Ka-felnikov, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 1-6, 9-7, and advance to the third round.

Kafelnikov, a powerful, speedy right-hander who turned professional in 1992, matched Sampras ground stroke for flashing ground stroke throughout a match that had the center court crowd enthralled.

"I was just lucky to get the right points at the right time," Sampras

Jim Courier, the defending champi-on, recovered his rhythm and scored a 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 victory earlier over Marcos Ondruska of South Africa. Courier had struggled to beat Bryan Shelton over five sets Monday.

Fifth seed Goran Ivanisevic, bolstered by his Croatian cheer squad, beat the Australian Jason Stoltenberg 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3,

Ivan Lendl, champion in both 1989 and 1990 but seeded 15th after a 12month slump, advanced with a slick 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 victory over fellow the American Richey Reneberg, Lendl ended the match emphatically — with three straight aces. He had 25 aces in

all and hit 68 outright winners. But the French veteran Henri Leconte had to default his second-round match against Martin Damm of the Czech Republic when he collapsed with heat exhaustion. He was hospitalized for two hours, but the tournament doctor, John Fraser, said Leconte, 30,

did not appear to be seriously ill. Kafelnikov, winner of the Australian Hardcourt championship two weeks ago in Adelaide, was frequently able to outduel Sampras in long baseline rallies, changing the angles and

ranked player in the world. Ranked 60th in the world, Kafelnikov came within two points of beating Sampras in the 10th game of the final set, but finally ran out of patience. He drove a forehand wide to give

Sampras the decisive break at 8-7, and dug his racket into the ground several times in frustration. Sampras clinched the victory on his

third match point when Kafelnikov sent a backhand long. Sampras had served for the match

two games earlier, but was broken at "It was a big scare for me, I could easily have lost that match," Sampras

said. "The bottom line is that I won the last point."

Kafelnikov, who comes from the

Black Sea resort of Sochi, was close to tears after the defeat. "I was two points away from the greatest victory of my life." be said. "It

Magnue Gustafsson of Sweden. seeded 10th, beat New Zealander Brett Steven, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, while

No. 11 Marc Rosset of Switzerland, the Olympic champion, defeated compatri-ot Jakob Hlasek 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-2, in another second-round match. In women's singles, the 17-year-old American Chanda Rubin surprised the 12th-seeded South African Aman-

da Coetzer, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, but several others seeds advanced. Top-ranked Steffi Graf used her trademark whiplash forehand to de-

feat the Australian Nicole Provis, 6-1. 6-4, in just 61 minutes. No. 3 Conchita Martinez of Spain scrambled by the experienced American Patty Fendick, 6-7 (4-7). 6-1, 6-4, while No. 7 Anke Huber of Germany

outlasted Julie Halard of France, 7-6

(8-6), 3-6, 6-3. The two-time finalist Mary Joe Fernandez, seeded sixth, struggled past lines Gorrochategni of Argentina after trailing by 24 in the final set of an error-nddled contest. She won 6-3, 2-6, 9-7.



Henri Leconte, who fainted during the fourth set of his match, was hospitalized for two hours because of heat exhaustion.

Australian Open Second-Round Results

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Baseball Teams Get Revenue-Sharing, No Commissioner

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches FORT LAUDERDALE, Flori- one vote short on Jan. 6. da - The owners of major league baseball's teams, having finally ap-proved a long-sought revenue-sharng plan appeared set to end their three-day meeting Wednesday still unable to elect a new commission-

A joint session of the search committee and executive council adjourned at 2:30 A.M. and two people familiar with the group's deliberations said no change would be made in the current arrange-

Even if the search committee made a recommendation, most clubs would have only a few hours to consider the candidate.

Finalists for the job, vacant since Fay Vincent's forced departure 16 son. Last year, he won a \$4 million months ago, are the U.S. Olympic salary in an arbitration hearing.

man. Bud Selig, gave no indication that he thought a decision was near.

"We just agned on a revenue-sharing plan, and you're already asking about a commissioner," Selig scolded a reporter. Details of the plan were not dis-

closed. Teams in larger markets. such as New York, are expected to share some of their profits with teams from smaller markets, such as Pittsburgh. Following bours of discussion,

the owners' applause could be heard behind closed doors when the unanimous vote was completed. Revenue-sharing proposals fell

when owners met in August and The revenue-sharing agreement passed on a 28-to-0 vote but will not take effect unless the players union agrees to a salary cap, which

Disagreement over the issue could lead to a players' strike, most

likely late in the season. Elsewhere on the salary front. Jack McDowell, who led the American League in victories last season. and Juan Gonzalez, who led the league in home runs, submitted rebe made in the current arrangement during the meeting that resumed a little more than six hours

White Sox, for whom McDowell won 22 games, also joined the re-

On the day 80 players who filed for arbitration exchanged salary figures with their clubs. McDowell was seeking \$6.5 million next sea-

Committee's executive director,
Harvey Schiller, and Northwestern
University's president, Arnold Weber.

The executive council's chairman, Bud Selig, gave no indication David Cone of Kansas City is lion two years ago. Ron Gant of Atlanta also surpassed Fielder with a \$6 million hid Tuesday.

At the same time, the White Sox submitted an offer of \$5.3 million for McDowell, eclipsing the previous high figure submitted by a club, the \$4.25 million the Texas Rangers exchanged with Rafael Palmeiro last year. The Braves topped that figure, too, with \$5.2 million

Gonzalez, coming off a 46-bome run season and a \$525,000 salary. sought \$4.9 million from the Rang-ers for 1994. Those figures compute to a \$4,375,000 raise, well above the \$3.65 million increase Fielder tried for in 1992 before settling for a \$2,75 million raise. John Olerud of Toronto, seeking to go from \$1,562,500 to \$4.8 million, submitted the third-highest raise request with a boost of \$3,237,500.

The Montreal Expos have the largest contingent in arbitration. A total of \$4.25 million separates them from the eight players with whom they exchanged figures. But the Kansas City Royals have a larg-er difference with their seven players, \$5,105,000.

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Edmonton Two clubs, the Cincinnati Reds and the Expos, submitted salary cuts for players. The Reds want to reduce Rob Dibble's salary from \$2.5 million to \$2.3 million after a season of ineffective pilching and injuries. The Expos sought a \$600,000 salary for Randy Milligan, who earned \$635,000 last scason. Dibble submitted \$2.7 million

Three clubs offered no raise for players: Philadelphia \$1 million for Ricky Jordan, Sao Francisco \$900,000 for Trevor Wilson and Boston \$235,000 for Jose Melen-

Fifty-nine players submitted sal-aries of \$1 million or more. That is 74 percent of the players, compared with a record 76 percent last year. Clubs submitted \$1 million or more for 50 players.

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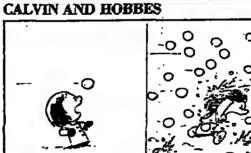
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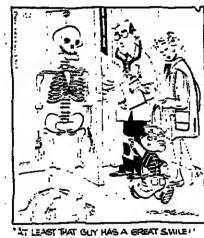
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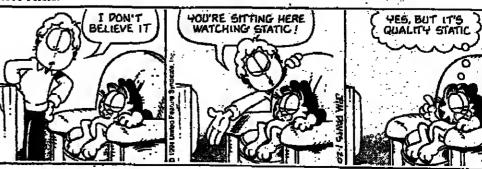
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SPORTS

By England Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher

LONDON - Terry Venables's hones of becoming the new manager of England's soccer team were dealt a blow Wednesday when the Football Association announced that it will not be naming a new

manager this week.
Persistent allegations concerning Venables's financial affairs have split the FA's five-man search com-

mittee, according to reports in several British newspapers.

"There will be no appointment this week," said Bert Millichip, chairman of the FA. "Investigations are continuing, although nothing has arisen to my knowledge that prevents Terry Venables

"We are still making up our minds," Millichip said, "Some are more affected by the pro-Terry lobby than others."

The announcement reversed plans to have Graham Taylor's suc-cessor installed before Saturday's draw for the European Champion-

ships qualifying round.
Millichip had said Sunday he
hoped to have Venables, the former Tottenham and Barcelona manager, confirmed for the England post in time for the draw, which takes

place in Manchester. As host nation for the 1996 Enropean Championships, England will not have to go through the qualifying round. Still, Millichip was hoping to have Venables pre-sent at the draw as a "marvelous publicity stunt."

But the FA now appears to be waiting for a report from a Premier League inquiry board. It is looking into alleged financial irregularities at Tottenham during the period when Venables was chief executive, and is not expected to finish its work for at least another week.

Taylor resigned in November af-ter England failed to reach the World Cup finals for the first time since 1978

In Bonn, German soccer officials said that, because of wide-spread fears of neo-Nazi violence, a friendly match between their national team and England's would not be played April 20 in Hamburg. April 20 is the anniversary of Adolf Hitler birthday.

The German federation, following "intensive talks" with security officials and English FA representatives, said that "we have decided to follow the advice of the Hamburg council about security and the match will not take place in Hamburg."

A DFB spokesman said no decision had been made on whether the match would take place in Germany, but that German officials hoped to stick to the date atranged.

The DFB said that it and the FA would hold further talks about the match next weekend when officials meet at the European Championships draw in Manchester.

Venables Its Greatest Season at Hand, Figure Skating Is Under Strain Put on Hold By Ian Thomsen champions of Britain, had finished third in their order will be established by this event. The great athletic ability. This week with her place in Lille some time, but his performance was continuing to the control of the large heart by the

International Herald Tribune
COPENHAGEN — In most of the arena it is 10 rows of seats, just 10 long steps, from the most distant seat down to the ice where the Europeans are deciding their figure skating championships this week. They fall and you can hear them thump.

They are closer than you might have imagined.

Imagine something grander and more intimidating: Six former Olympic champions making their comebacks here, each more accomplished than Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding put together, and therefore more at risk, you would think. But then you find that the arena sits on a high school campus, and not even the women's final program on Sunday afternoon is sold out.

A few of us were sitting in the end zone Tuesday where, if we'd been talking a bit more loudly, we might have earned a glare from Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean during their warmup. A friend whispered something about this not being a sport at all and then from behind a comment was made about Torvill and Dean's clothing. "They're wearing different costumes this afternoon, yes," an expert declared, "and her hair's nicer as well."

I wrote this down because it seemed importum. Torvill and Dean, the 1984 Olympic ice dancing

champions of Britain, had finished third in their opening compulsory that morning. It was the first time they had finished out of first in the compulsories in 14 years, and no one could explain why.
They appeared to be perfect. When they came
gliding past our seats it seemed like the kind of
perfection achieved by Madame Tussaud's, their posed smiles unmoving, but they were smooth and steadier than any machine sharing four thin blades ought to be. They came to a posed stop and then it was as if they became human again, loosen-

ing themselves and pacing.

At that moment the judges lost all interest in them. Sitting behind signs that read "Canon" (the cameras) and "Baileys" (the Irish Cream) and "Citizen Watches," they decided that Torvill and Dean would finish the compulsory round (worth 20 percent of their total score) no better than tied for second with one Russian couple and trailing another, the world champions Maya Usova and Alexander Zhulin.

In the overall scheme of things, these champion-ships are a blemish compared to whatever will happen at Lillehammer next month. Torvill and Dean and others like them came out of their professional retirement in order to skate in the age an athlete peaks. But the judges, whom we Olympics. It is difficult to say whether a lasting rarely hear speak, now are of a mind to reward

performers are building toward the Olympics but they are also trying to establish a pre-eminence. This sport, to give it its credence, is so popular for its visual and emotional impact, and yet so much of it is decided out of view, in the way a piece of music strikes one person and not another, in the who sustain a career, in the way Tonya Harding might have — who knows? — offhandedly men-tioned to her former bushand that she wished Nancy Kerrigan was out of her hair.

This was supposed to be the greatest season for this sport. The professionals were brought back in the spirit of the U.S. "Dream Team" in basketball. the senior golf tours and all the American marketeers who have convinced us that two generations are enough to provide rock 'n' roll with songs that are "classics." Such glamorous potential has put the sport under tremendous strain.

All the other games invoke arguments over the superiority of performers from different eras, and no one dares resolve them. Katerina Witt arrived here this week from her era of artistry, which she last celebrated just six years ago. She is only 28, an

hammer at stake, they are being asked to decide something like whether the 1900s Green Bay Packers are better than the 1993 Dallas Cowboys. It Witt skates her free program Sunday as well as she ever did, how will the judges account for her? If she fails at her best, then what was her downfall?

What happened to Nancy Kerrigan earlier this month can either add significance to her sport, or it will make the show appear all the more ridicu-lous. In any case, you would think it was like a Hollywood production every time, when in fact it is contested in humbling arenas like this one, often in front of a few hundred like those this afternoon to see the comeback of the Ukrainian, Viktor Petrenko, the 1992 Olympic and world champion who retired briefly and returned to skate his technical program Wednesday.

He leapt as if his feet were always touching something smooth, never bobbling, raising then lowering him in a swirl back to the ice, his arms extended. The wind rippling his outfit attached bravery to clothing that might have appeared effeminate a few moments earlier. By the end he was hopping in the center of the rink, punching the air and howling. The music had stopped for

Only the last, best bit was not choreographed.

Petrenko Gets Two 6.0s Petrenko took the lead in the men's event with two perfect 6.0s for presentation with a routine to Bizet's "Carmen" that earned him first place from all nine judges. The Associated Press reported.

The original program is worth one-third of the score; the final free program, worth two-thirds of the total mark, is set for Thursday evening.

France's Eric Millot was second followed by two more Ukrainian skaters, Viachscheslav Za-gorodniuk and the 1993 European champion,

Petrenko, using the same music and program as at the Olympics two years ago in Albertville, hit a triple axel-triple toe loop, the most difficult jump combination. He received marks of 5.8 and 5.9 for equired elements. He had the two 6.0s, and six

Millot, third last year, spiced his routine with lively stepwork to the Hungarian rhapsody. Zagorodniuk was a bronze medalist in the European championships in 1990 and 1991 for the Soviet Union but lost his spot last year. Ukraine became separate. Dmitrenko got the only spot

German Officials Screening Stasi's Files on Athletes

BONN — All German competitors at next month's Winter Olympics in Lillehammer will be screened to see if they spied for the Stasi security police of the former East Germany, sports offi-

Officials of the National Olympic Committee said they had reached an agreement with the agency in charge of Stasi files — the Gauck office

to speed up checks on competitors in the days left before the Olympics start Feb. 12.

The Olympic officials would like to avoid the embarrassment of the previous Games, in Albertville, France, where a bobsled driver, Harald Czudaj, admitted to having informed on teammates for the Stasi.

Another German bobsledder, 1984 Olympic champion Wolfgang Hoppe, has been dismissed from the military after refusing to talk about his Stasi contacts. Both Czudaj and Hoppe are ex-pected to compete in Lillehammer.

"All the athletes from the former East and

West have been asked to apply for information about them from the Gauck files through their federations," said an Olympic committee spokesman, Manfred Seeger.

"The Gauck office has agreed to speed up the

process and has agreed to be ready to react within 24 hours with documents if something happens in Lillehammer, so that the matter can be cleared up quickly," Seeger said.

Stasi informers were generally assumed to be an every Germany before it disappeared in 1990 with unification. While many former East German athletes and sports officials have complained that western Germans are overly prececupied with the issue of Stasi cooperation, several top athletes have admitted that they spied on teammates. Seeger said sports officials were only interested

in cases where athletes had passed on informa-tion that had been harmful to other competitors. "I think we underestimated the problem" in Albertville, he said.

Athletes from the West are also being checked; but Seeger said that "is a solidarity thing. We agine that a top-class athlete from the



(AP. Reuters) West worked for the organization." (Reuters, AP) Viktor Petrenko of Ukraine was perfectly happy with the men's lead in Copenhagen.

Harding's Ex-Husband Is Charged in Attack

husband, Jeff Gillooly, was charged Wednesday with conspir-ing to injure Harding's Olympic rival. Nancy Kerrigan, while an affidavit released by local law en-forcement officials contained testimony linking Harding to the alleged plot for the first time. Harding has not been charged

and has denied any involvement. Gillooly, who despite their divorce in August was living with Harding at the time of the Jan, 6 attack on Kerrigan in Detroit, faces the same conspiracy charge under which Harding's bodyguard and two other men have been arrested. Gillooly, who has denied involvement, surrendered at the FBI office in Portland shortly after the

warrant was issued. Harding's lawyer, Robert C. make no statements.

The affidavit said Kerris deliberatly bit on the right leg because it was her leg on which she landed after jumps.

Gillooly was named in a warrant issued Tuesday by Circuit Judge Donald Londer and unsealed Wednesday. The announcement came hours after a daylong meeting between Harding and authorities.

An affidavit from a Mulmomah County deputy sheriff, James McNelly, released with the arrest warrant, said Harding's bodyguard had signed a confession admitting

According to the affidavit, Shawn tions between Dec. 27 and Jan. 6, PORTLAND, Oregon — Figure Skater Tonya Harding's former that Harding made two telephone made to Smith, the fourth man calls to an arena in the Boston area charged in the attack. in an attempt to determine Kerri-gan's practice schedule, Eckardt's traveled to the Boston area, where affidavit said the alleged assailant. Kerrigan lives. on Dec. 29 and Shane Minoaka Stant, stalked Ker- stayed until Jan. 3. It says tele-

> him that Harding was concerned her practice sessions. about having made these phone On Ian. 12, Smith confessed to calls and had stated that in the FBI agents in Phoenix, the affidavit event she was ever questioned said. Smith said Stant was unable about them, she would say she had made those calls in an effort to get he went to Detroit a week before

The night Harding returned home, Eckardt and Gillooly spent several hours making up an alibi, the affidavit said. They were concerned that they

had left both a paper trail, in terms

rick Smith, one of those charged, the affidavit said. ty service for ice skaters, and that was why Smith was in Detroit. Harding divorced Gillooly

August resumed living with him in September, but said Tuesday that they were separating again. The charge against Gillooly further complicates her skater's efforts to remain on the U.S. Olympic team.

"I am innocent, and I continue to believe that Jeff is innocent of U.S. officials have said Harding will be removed from the team if

she is implicated in the attack. The affidavit also says Gillooly's \$9,000 in three separate transac-

rigan in Boston before attacking her phone records show Stant placed a at the U.S. national championships. call Jan. 1 from his hotel room to Eckardt also said Gillooly told the rink where Kerrigan conducts

to carry out the attack in Boston, so Kerrigan to sign a poster for a fan the national championships. Smith of Harding's," the affidavit said. Stant assaulted Kerrigan following a practice session.

Smith admitted driving the get-

away car after being paid \$2,000 by Eckardi for the job.

The decision to hit Kerrigan in the right knee was reached during Weaver, had no comment on the agree that the investigation into the assault on Nancy Kerrigan is completed. Tonya Harding will grant no interviews and make no statements."

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Harding spoke with the FBI and local prosecutors for more than 10 hours Tuesday and reportedly denied any involvement in the attack. About eight hours into the interview she released a statement announcing that she and Gillooly were separating.

any wrongdoing," the statement said. "I wish him nothing but the best, but I believe during this crucial time of preparation for the bank records show he withdrew. Olympics that I must concentrate my attention on my training."

Kentucky, Massachusetts **And Indiana Are Beaten**

The Associated Press They could start calling it follow the leader.

A night after Kansas became the latest No. I-ranked team in college basketball to be beaten, so was every top-10 team in action.

No. 7 Kentucky fell, 59-57, to Florida after Craig Brown made two free throws with 7.6 seconds left in the Southeastern Conference game in Gainesville, Florida.

Kentucky's Travis Ford, fouled seconds later, made the first free second. The Wildcats' Walter

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

McCarty grabbed the ball and had a chance to send the game into overtime, but missed a 10-foot jumper as time expired. Kentucky (13-3, 3-2) led by 47-

40 with under six minutes left, but Florida (14-2, 4-0) went on a 15-4 run to take a 55-51 lead with less than a minute to go. Ford's 3-pointer by with 9.3 seconds left cut Florida's lead to 57-

56, setting up Brown's only foul shots of the game. "It means a lot to us because a team like Kentucky has a great tradition," Brown said.

Florida, off to its best start since 1941, led by 24-21 at halftime as both teams struggled on offense. DePsul 78, No. 6 Massachusetts 76: Belefia Parks sank a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 24 seconds left and Tom Kleinschmidt scored 22 of his

mont; Illinois, to help end the Minntemen's 10-game winning streak.
Parks's jumper put DePaul (11-3) ahead by 76-73 and Kleinschmidt's two free throws 10 seconds later made it a five-point lead.

Lou Roe then got a three-point play for Massachusetts (13-2), and when DePaul's Brandon Cole missed two free throws with two seconds left, the Minutemen got a last shot. But Roe's jumper went hard off the rim at the buzzer. Kleinschmidt hit three secondhalf 3-pointers for the Blue De-

mons, who trailed by seven with 7:20 to go. No. 12 Purdue 83, No. 8 Indiana 76, OT: Glenn Robinson scored nine of his 33 points in overtime as the Boilermakers (15-1, 3-1 Big Ten) won at home. Indiana (10-3. 3-1) did not score for the first four minutes of the extra period and Purdue's last 11 points were from

the free throw line. Cucazo Martin, who got a sea-son-high 23 points for the Boilermakers, sent the game into overtime with a free throw with 20 seconds left in regulation. Alan Henderson's 24 points topped the Hoosiers, who had won 20 of their last 21 conference games.

No. 16 Syracuse 92, St. John's 82: The Orangemen (11-2, 4-2 Big East) set a school record by making 26 of 27 free throws, going 8-for-8 in the final 63 seconds. The loss was the fifth straight for the visiting Redmen (7-7, 1-5), their longest losing streak since 1962-63. Lawrence Moten topped Syracuse with 31 points, while St. John's was led 29 points in the second half in Rose by Shawnelle Scott with 17.

SIDELINES

Justitia, Yamaha Leading Whitbread

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) - The European yacht Intrum Justitia and the Japanese-New Zealand entry Yamaha were in a dead heat Wednesday on the third leg of the Whitbread 'Round the World Race as the American boat Winston fell back to sixth.

Intrum Justitia and Yamaha, both Whithread 60s, were reported to be 640 nantical miles from the finish as they raced across the Tasman Sea cisco 49ers on Sunday for the Natoward Auckland, New Zealand. The leader in the Maxi class, New Zealand Endeavor, was third overall, nine miles back.

Three Whithread 60s followed. The Japanese-New Zealand yacht Tokio was 12 miles off the lead, 10 miles ahead of Spain's Galicia 93 Pescanova, with Winston 25 miles adrift of the leaders.

CBS Gets Rights to Nagano Olympics

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS Sports, which last month lost its part of the NFL contract to the Fox television network, has won exclusive U.S. television rights to the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, the CBS and the IOC said the rights fee was \$375 million, a Winter

Olympics record.

Richard Pound of Canada, an IOC vice president, said the IOC had preliminary talks with NBC, ABC and Fox, but that all three dropped out of the process before there actually was a bid.

China's Ma: Is He Resigning, or Not?

BELITING (AP) - Ma Junren, the innovative but hot-tempered track coach whose women runners broke three world records last year, has given sports authorities until Feb. 6 to come up with promised funds for his team, halt alleged public slanders about him and allow his team to get on with training in peace or he will resign, the Beijing Evening News reported Wednesday.

But Shanghai's Xinmin Evening News quoted sports authorities as saying Ma had decided to stay on.

Ma has not been available for interviews. Sports officials in northeast China's Liaoning province, where his team is based, said by telephone

that he had gone to his hometown. They refused to say where that was.

For the Record

Dr. Jamie Astaphan, who has admitted giving banned steroids to Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, pleaded not guilty in Buffalo, New York, to three charges of distributing steroids and four charges of smuggling

Lee Roy Calley, 52, a linebacker on two of the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl champions and the 1972 champion Dallas Cowboys, died of colon cancer in Houston.

Aged Parish Repairs a Dent as Celtics Batter Rockets

Robert Parish, at 40 the NBA's oldest player, was held scoreless by Houston and Hakeem Olajuwon in Boston Garden last week. He responded with 19 points and 17 responded Traceles with 19 points and 17 responded to 19 points and 17 responded to 19 points and 17 responded to 19 points and 19 p bounds Tuesday night as the Celtics beat the Rockets, 95-83, in

Nobody likes to go scoroless, it really made me mad. Parish said. 12 rebounds, while Dec Brown "It put a dent in my pride.

Olajuwon outscored Parish, 37-

NBA HIGHLICHTS

0. last week. This time, Olajuwon led the Rockets with 28 points and paced the Celucs with 23 points. The victory gave the Celtics their

The Rockets are 6-7 since startgame skid and handing Detroit its
cord of 21 by Milwanke
ing the season with a 22-1 record. 14th consecutive loss, which tied land on Dec. 30, 1990.

17-1 at home, both NBA bests, despite losing all but six points of a 22-point lead against Los Angeles. Bucks 123, Pistons 91: Milwankee won the battle of Central Division losing streaks, snapoung a six-

the club's single-season record losing streak, set in 1980. The Pistons longest losing skid is 21 games — the last 14 of the 1979-80 season and the first seven of 1980-81. Clippers 126, Heat 124; Los Angeles and Miami shot an NBA-

record 23 3-point baskets, but the Clippers were far more accurate.

Cowboys Must Control the 49ers' Passing

By Frank Litsky

New York Times Servi IRVING, Texas - If the Dallas Cowboys are to beat the San Frantional Conference championship and a Super Bowl berth - and the Cowhoys are favored - they must

control the 49ers' passing game. And that means putting the reins on Jerry Rice, perhaps the best receiver in National Football League history; John Taylor, perhaps the most underrated wide receiver in pro football; Steve Young, perhaps the best quarterback going; a wise, veteran offensive line and a few other assets, like Ricky Watters'

The Cowbovs' defense faces a big task. But that same quick and aggressive secondary handled Sterling Sharpe, the Green Bay Packers' marvelous receiver, when it

counted last Sunday.
"Playing the 49ers," said Larry
Brown, one of the Cowboys' cornerbacks, "is like going from a headache with Sterling Sharpe to the flu with Jerry Rice." Kevin Smith, the other cornerback, said the Cowboys were famil-iar enough with the 49ers because

they played them early this season.

And the Packers' offense the Cow-

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some offense is to keep it guessing what comes next. A predictable defense will be hurned sooner or later. so Bill Bates said the Cowboys

boys faced Sunday operates much

"But the big thing," Smith said.
"is that the talent is different. The

One way to deal with a trouble-

like that of the 49ers.

49ers have more weapons."

you bump them, sometimes you lay off them, sometimes you press them. You show them some zone and some man. We definitely know we can beat them. That confidence helps, but it doesn't mean you're going to win."

Bates is an example of how specialized the Cowboys' defense, in particular, and pro football defenses, in general, have become. Baues is a veteran backup safety and special-teams' captain. He also plays linebacker in the

nickel defense on third down when the opposition needs seven yards or more for a first down. For fewer than seven yards, Ken Norton Jr., the starting middle linebacker. stays in the game because he is bigger than Bates and better eainst the run. The Cowboys' starting secondary

must keep mixing up coverages.

"When a team has so many good receivers," Bates said, "sometimes

second pro seasons and Brown is in his third, a young group.
"I like them," said Dave Campo,
the Cowboys' secondary coach. The corners are good cover people, good hump and run. The saleties are smart, and Everett gets turnovers in big games. They give

the best closer. Marion is a rookic.

Smith and Woodson are in their

us good run support. The 49ers are almost unstoppable between the 20s, so we have to get turnovers and make things happen. We'll use a lot of nickel, but we can't double the wideouts all the time because their running game will get you inside. You have to name your poison."

a strong rush. Although the Cowboys have good pass rushers in Tony Tolbert. Jim Jeffcoat, Jimmie Jones and Charles Haley, their regular-season total of 34 sacks was little more than two a game. They had four sacks against the 49ers when they beat them, 26-17,

in the sixth game of the season.

The best tool for a pass defense is

They allowed the 49ers to gain 405 has Brown and Smith at the corners, yards, and Young completed 24 of 33 passes for 249 yards, but the Thomas Everett at free safety and Darren Woodson at strong safety. Kenny Gant, or sometimes Brock Cowboys did not give up the big-"Our pass defense isn't difficult Marinn, is the nickel back. James Washington the dime back. or complicated," Norton said. Everett is the best hitter. Smith

The main thing on coverage is quarterback pressure. You have to know how the other team is going after vou. The 49ers will stretch you. They have a lot of confidence in their receivers. They like to turn a short catch into a long run. They keep

slanting on you and will full you and then they fly. You better be there."
When the 49ers' offense starts rolling, it usually picks up momen-tum. That concerns Jeffcoat, a wise old head in his 11th pro season. "It's like the run and shoot," he said. "When they get going, they're

slaughter you."

Jimmy Johnson, the Cowboys coach, concedes that the 49ers will

going to keep it up and they can

move the hall passing.
"You try to slow them down and not give up the big play," he said. "Rice and Taylor are such good receivers after the catch that even if you're in a zone they have the ability to break it. So what's the answer? I don't know that we have the an-

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losing streak this season.

Dec. 1-3, when they beat Washing- They were 24-0 this season when you and Portland. The defeat left holding opponents under 100 Houston with its first three-game points, but now have lost two in row despite giving up fewer than 100. SuperSonics 103, Lakers 88: Se-attle improved to 28-5 overall and

> The visiting Clippers were 11 of 15 from afar, Miami 12-for-26 as the two teams broke the NBA record of 21 by Milwaukee and Port-

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Patriotic Radiation

the news stories revealing that the government had performed radiation and medical experiments on U.S. citizens, in the 1950s and

1960s, without their knowledge or consent. 'We had to find out." he

'What

you have to find "How much fallout the bu-

man body could Buchwald "But you didn't inform the people you were experimenting on.

That wasn't nice. "We couldn't tell them, because if we had they might have refused to be guinea pigs. In those days a the effects of radiation

"Why didn't you try the stuff on laboratory animals instead of hu-

"The American people wouldn't stand for it. It's the same today. You fool around with animals and there'll be demonstrations from Staten Island to Seattle, Look, we were prepared to pay the victims. If they ever found out about it, they — or their beirs — would be com-

"It's still hard to believe that

Viking to Publish 'Zlata's Diary'

New York Times Service N EW YORK — Fourteen publishers participated in a frenzied auction for the American rights to the day-by-day account of life during the Balkan war by Zlata Filipovic, a 13-year-old girl from

The sale was conducted by Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot, the French publisher of the book, and it resulted in an impressive final price. In the end Viking won with a bid of about \$560,000 and announced that it would publish the book in March, with the title "Zlata's Diary." Viking plans an ambitious first printing of 200,000 copies.

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WASHINGTON — Gravedig- American scientists and doctors ger was very defensive about would irradiate other Americans

without telling them." Gravedigger responded, "We didn't experiment on your normal healthy American. We found people who were sick to start with and didn't mind a little fallout to ease their pain.

He continued, "You have to see these experiments in context. At the time, it was essential that we understood what radiological weapons would do to the population. Fitzmyer told me to seek out some people who weren't too radioactive and sprinkle plutonium dust on their cornflakes."

"Who was Fitzmyer?" I asked. "He was my boss and worked for Ferguson, who worked for Huddieston, who reported to Havemeyer. If you're going to find a villain, you're going to have to go right up the ladder of the Atomic again to the Pentagon and the CIA. Everybody was just following or-

"The whole situation has an odor of Nazism to it. "How can you say that?" Grave-digger asked. "We were only experimenting on some Americans to

save other Americans. Would you prefer that we inject nuclear waste into Canadians?"

"What did you do with the information gathered from these tests?" We stored them in steel filing cabinets where they are as safe as

"Do you believe that the government should track down the people you did a number on and compensate them for your actions?" "It didn't bother me then and it doesn't bother me now. I'm retired

so nobody can blame me for what

"Who should be hlamed?" "Wembley. It was his idea in the first place. He was in charge of persuading the American public that radioactivity was good for you. Because he needed proof be started spraying it on people at perfume counters. None of them realized what was being done to them."
"Where is Wembley now?"

"He's living in a nursing home in Florida. But it won't do any good to talk to him. All be keeps saying is, 'My country right or wrong.

North America

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

L OS ANGELES — Arthur Jacob Arshawsky a/k/a Artie Shaw walked.
away from \$60,000 a week back when that was 10 times today's dollar for leading a big band as popular as, and most musicians considered better than, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey or Glenn Miller. He called his jitterbug fans "morons."

He had hired Billie Holiday, Lena Horne, Roy Eldridge ("Little Jazz") and Buddy Rich ("he played like the Czechoslovakian Army"). He added strings. "Frenesi." "Stardust" and "Begin the Beguine" were monster hits. The band worked five sold-out shows a day seven days a week for weeks on end at Loews State Theatre in New York. Each concluded with Shaw's Cabove Cat the end of his "Clarinet Concerto." Nobody else could play that note — be had invented the fingering. One night a clarinetist came backstage and, in awe, asked: "Artie, aren't you scared?"

"Scared of what?" Shaw snapped. He

"Scared of missing it." "If you're not sure you can make some-thing," he said. "Don't try."

Lack of self-confidence has never been one of Shaw's problems. His self-esteem is matched by his talent and intelligence. He pumps himself up continually, a matter of energy more than ego, getting in your face for your own good. Like Gary Cooper in "High Noon," he tore off his badge and left town at the apex of success with the same sort of disdain. He was considered successful by the wrong people for the wrong reasons. He loves the story about the blind rabbit who tries to guess the species of a snake: "You're slimy, sneaky and poisonous. You must be a record

company executive." He moved to Spain, studied classical guitar, went into psychoanalysis, started writing books. The Trouble With Cinderella" is one of the more stylish and perceptive musical autobiographies around.

When pop stars quit at the top, death is often the reason and it can be a good career move. Whether it was good or not for Shaw remains to be seen because be still very much remains. Anyway be did not consider himself a pop star, or even a clarinetist. The only time be ever met Benny Goodman, Benny kept talking shop - clarinet brand names, reeds, mouthpieces, the literature. What do you think about this or that player? He was "monomaniacal."

"Hey Benny," Shaw interrupted, "Let's change the subject. There's more to life

"But that's what we both do. isn't it?"

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Goodman replied. "We're the two best clarinet players around. We have that in

"No we don't," he said. "You play the clarinet I play music." Shaw is on constant verbal and physical fast-forward in his PR man's office. He has driven there himself and he takes a phone call from someone he calls "Baby." Linear conversation is not his strong point. He says the secret to a youthful old age is to "stay interested," and cites Buckminster Fuller as a model. The other day he struck up a conversation with a woman in the supermarket. "How old are you?"
she asked. "Grees." She guessed 58.
"Thanks." he smiled, "but turn it around
and take off two." Statement of fact.
He lives a secluded, incognite life in a
development north of I. A. he refers you

development north of L. A., he prefers you don't know the name: "I'm an old curmudgeon. A recluse, I don't know a soul in the neighborhood. People leave me alone,

Word is out that I'm a shooter. I've got

marksman's medals."

"Enchanted" by the possibilities of language, he's currently investigating the Tal-mudic word "mazik," which combines musie and magic. He writes because he likes the solitude as much as doing it. He can't wait to get up in the morning to see what the day holds, and to rewrite his most recent pages. One of his collection of short stories. "The Best of Intentions," is about a guy named Joe Cuba who owns a delicatessen in Kenosha, falls in love with Bette Davis, goes out to L. A. and ends up marrying her.
"Hot diggity!" Joe exclaims. The editor was puzzled: "It's great, Artic, but what is it? I mean, she's still alive, isn't she? I don't understand what it is. Does Joe wake up or

It's words on paper," Shaw replied. "That's all it is. And what about you? Do u wake up?" He's pumped up, conversation is toe-to-

Artie Shaw: In Your Face, Fast-Forward

toe. He's always testing your attention span and, one feels, his own virility.

This is a man who is divorced from six wives, including Lana Turner, Ava Gard-

ner, Evelyn Keyes and Elizabeth Kern.
Turner called him my college education."
He says, "Ava died of confusion, her beau-

ty ruled her." His son with Kern asked him

to judge if his guitar playing was good enough to turn professional. "You're my

son and Jerome Kern's grandson," Shaw

reminded him. "If you haven't got an ear,

you're a biological freak."

He reads a lot. He has a satellite dish but

knows not why: "Even so-called public

broadcasting is controlled by big corpora-

tions. It's hopeless. A guy I know applied

to PBS for a couple hundred thousand

dollars for a talk show, people bouncing

off ideas. The woman in charge said: 'Oh

come on. That's small change. Who cares about people talking? I'd rather give you a couple million, and you give me Barbra Streisand and the Civil War.' I quit the

music business because I was disgusted

with the mass audience, the lowest possi-

Owing back taxes, he put together one final big band in 1949: "It was the best

band I ever had, people like Al Cohn and

Zoot Sims playing arrangements by Tadd Dameron and George Russell. We played Ravel. It bombed. People didn't just dis-

like it, they loathed it. Being antic, I thought to myself that if the best band I ever had was 'terrible,' what would happen

with the worst band. I put together 12 guys playing stock arrangements of the Bil-board Top 15, stuff like If I Knew You

Were Comin' I'd've Baked a Cake.' We

didn't rehearse, there were divisions of

thought about first and second endings. I

over my shoulder during a tango. Good grief, we were bad. We were a smash.

People came up to me and said, 'Helluva

To pay more back taxes in 1954, he put

together a combo with, among others,

Hank Jones, piano, Tal Farlowe, guitar,

and Tommy Potter on bass, Two double-CDs of the group — "The Last Record-ings" (Musicmasters) — have recently

come on the market for the first time:

was on levels 35 and 36. The reed was

barely vibrating, I was in total control. I

knew I could not play better than that,

what was the point of going on? So I finally quit for good. People ask me if I miss practicing. I ask them if Muhammad Ali misses roadwork. But I never thought

these records would be following me around 40 years later. Somebody, I think it

was T.S. Eliot, said . . . "

No more tape.

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

"If there are 37 levels of piamissimo, I

good band you got here."

marched up and down with my clarinet

ble common denominator."

Flab-Flexer, Maybe, **But Still Champion**

PEOPLE

Fightin' words: It was Danny versus Donny, a three-round charity boxing match to determine which former child star had grown into the more macho adult. The winner: Danny Bonaduce, who bloodled Donny Osmond's nose and earned a 2-1 decision. The challenge began at a Chicago gym where both men were working out, when Osmond called Bonaduce "a poseur, just flexing that flab." Os-mond, who recorded Top 10 hits with his family, his sister and by himself, is appearing on stage in Chicago, and Bonaduce, who played the wisecracking Danny Partridge in the TV show The Partridge Family," is a disk jockey for a local radio station.

Rebe McEntire has an offer for country music fans: Give up a gun. see a show. The singer said that people who turn in a gun in each city where she performs this year will get a free ticket to her show.

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The Italian porn star Cicciolina will have a place to stay during her custody fight with her estranged husband: his house. A judge ruled that Cicciolina, whose real name is Ilona Staller, may stay in a third-floor bedroom of the artist Jeff Koons's New York home while she tries to win custody of their 14month-old son, Ladwig.

- The singer and songwriter Neil Young has helped design a model train with a single button so disabled children can operate it. Young, who has two sons with cerebrai palsy, developed the toy with Richard Kngha, owner of Lionel Trains Inc. The train also features real locomotive sounds, recorded

Six people will be inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame at its annual ceremony in New York: Jane Alexander, John Guare, Lan-ford Wilson, Joel Grey, Barbara Cook and John Raitt, Jack Gilford, Richard Barr and Josephine Holi will be honored posthumously.

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